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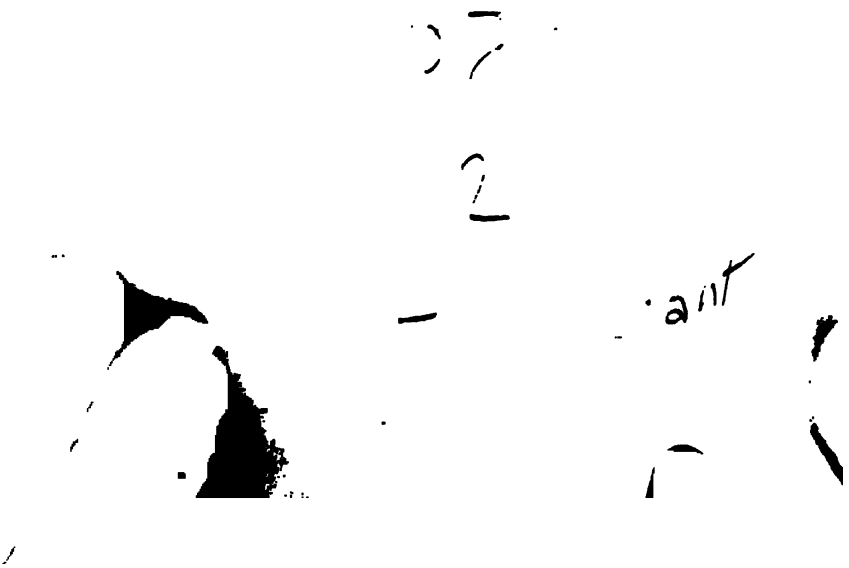

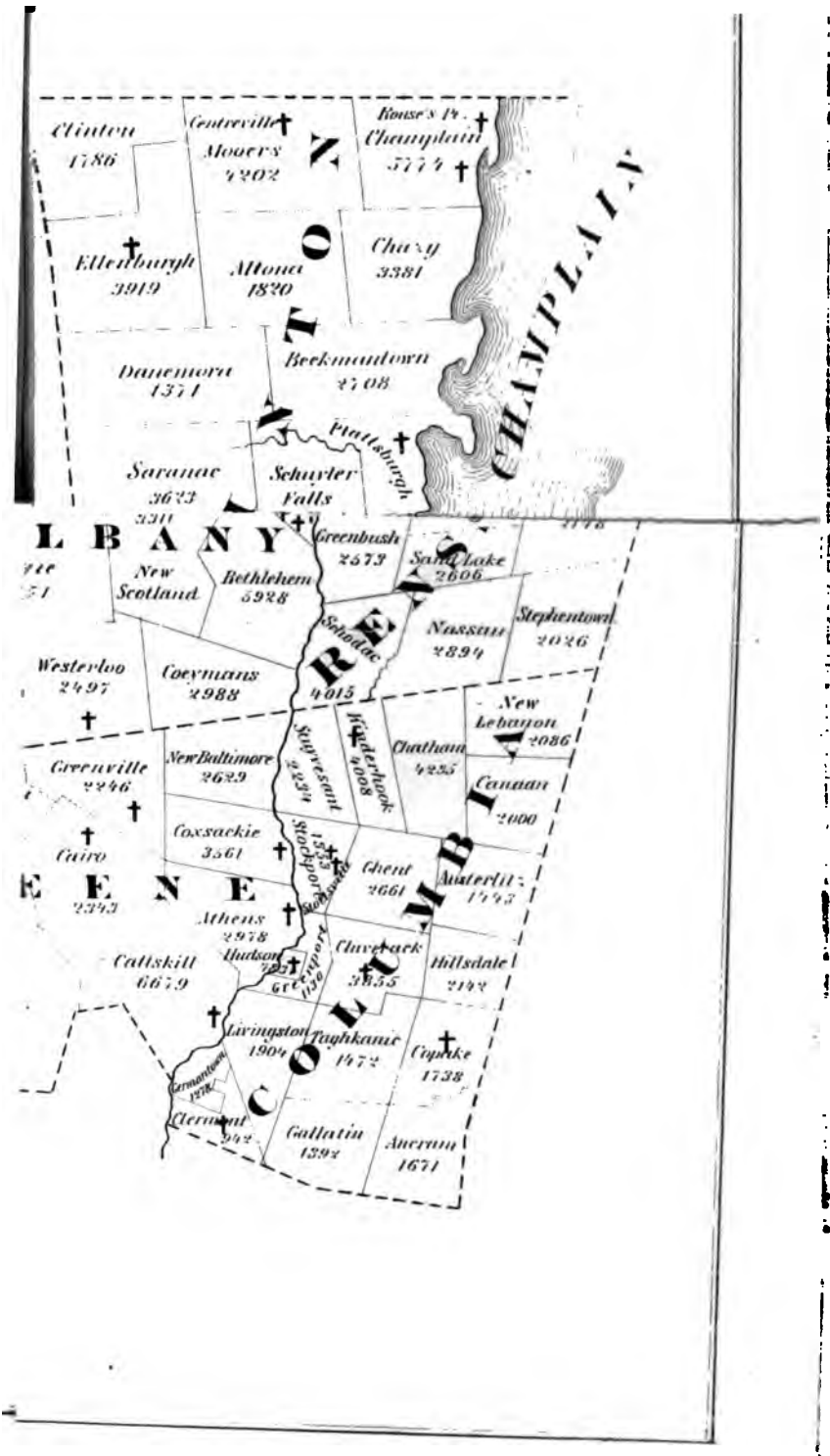

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Rouse's Pt.
Champlain
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Danemora
1371
Beekmantown
2708
Plattsburgh
Saranac
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Schuyler
Falls
CHAMPLAIN
L B A N Y
Greenbush
2573
Sand Lake
2606
New
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Bethlehem
5928
Schodac
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Nassau
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Stephentown
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Lebanon
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Kinderhook
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Canaan
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Livingston
1904
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Copake
1738
Germantown
1278
Clermont
942
Gallatin
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IN THE

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WHICH ASSEMBLED IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF ALBANY.

ON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, A. D. 1868.

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List of the Clergy

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

DECEMBER 2, 1868.

This List of Clergy being that presented to the Convention by the Bishop in charge, contains no note of changes which have since taken place.

This mark (*) designates the Alumni of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

~~The Right~~ Rev. HORATIO POTTER, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Bishop in charge.

~~The Rev~~. Edward B. Allen.

The Rev. Deodatus Babcock, D. D., residing at Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

~~The Rev.~~ John H. Betts, rector of Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, and St. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county.

The Rev. William Binet, Canton, St. Lawrence county.

~~The Rev~~. William S. Boardman, rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany.

The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D., rector of Zion Church, Sandy Hill, and St. James' Church, Fort Edward, Washington county.

*The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, rector of St. John's Church, Cohoes, Albany county.

*The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county.

*The Rev. Edwin E. Butler, minister of the Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls, Warren county, and missionary.

The Rev. Norman W. Camp, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point, Clinton county, and missionary.

*The Rev. Joseph Carey, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

*The Rev. Edgar T. Chapman, rector of St. Mark's Church, Green Island, Albany county.

The Rev. Lewis P. Clover, D. D., rector of the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush Rensselaer county, and missionary.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., LL. D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. William H. Cook, rector of St. Paul's Church, Keeseville, Essex county, and missionary.

~~The Rev.~~ Albert Danker, jr., rector of St. John's Church, Stillwater, and officiating in St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville, Saratoga county.

*The Rev. Henry M. Davis, missionary at St. Paul's Church, Salem, Washington county.

The Rev. Joel Davis, deacon.

~~The Rev.~~ William Croswell Doane, D. D., rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

*The Rev. Edward Dolloway, rector of Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, and missionary.

The Rev. John Downie, rector of Trinity Church, Claverack, Columbia county, and missionary.

The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, Fulton county, and missionary.

*The Rev. George W. Ferguson, rector of Immanuel Church, Otego, Otsego county.

~~The Rev.~~ George Fisher, St. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville, Saratoga county, and missionary.

The Rev. John Irving Forbes, deacon, Sharon Springs, Schoharie county.

*~~The Rev.~~ J. Breckenridge Gibson, rector of Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga county.

*The Rev. Byron J. Hall, rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.

*The Rev. John W. Hoffman, minister of Emmanuel Church, South Westerlo, Albany county, and Christ Church, Greenville, Greene county, and missionary.

*The Rev. John H. Hopkins, jr., deacon, assistant to the rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point, Clinton county.

*The Rev. Robert T. Howard, missionary at Fonda, Montgomery county.

The Rev. John V. Hughes, rector of St. John's Church, Exeter, Otsego county, and missionary.

The Rev. L. R. Humphrey, M. D., Morristown, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. Gurdon Huntington, missionary at Walton and parts adjacent, Delaware county.

The Rev. William O. Jarvis, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stockport, Columbia county.

The Rev. J. Everett Johnson, missionary at Athens and Coxsackie, Greene county.

The Rev. William Ross Johnson, rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.

The Rev. Levi Johnston, missionary at Copake Iron Works, Columbia county.

*The Rev. John Steinfort Kidney, rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence county.

*The Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, rector of Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego county, and missionary.

~~The Rev.~~ Robert T. S. Lowell, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county.

*The Rev. Frederick N. Luson, rector of Trinity Church, Whitehall, Washington county, and missionary.

The Rev. Joseph W. Mulford, rector of Christ Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. James Byron Murray, rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Fulton county.

The Rev. George L. Neide, missionary at Champlain, Clinton county.

The Rev. George H. Nicholls, rector of St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. William M. Ogden, rector of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, Clinton county.

*The Rev. William Payne, D. D., rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

*The Rev. Hewlett R. Peters, D. D., rector of St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. Edward Pidsley, missionary at Cairo, Greene county.

*The Rev. John F. Potter, rector of St. James' Church, Caldwell, Warren county.

*The Rev. Henry H. Prout, rector of Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county, and missionary.

The Rev. John Randall, missionary at Brush's Mills, Franklin county.

The Rev. J. Livingston Reese, rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany.

*The Rev. William A. Rich, Canton, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. William S. Rowe, missionary at Clermont, Columbia county.

*The Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, rector of Zion Church, Morris, Otsego county.

*The Rev. Edwin B. Russell, rector of Grace Church, Albany.

*The Rev. David L. Schwartz, rector of Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego county.

*The Rev. Edward Selkirk, rector of Trinity Church, Albany.

The Rev. Edwin Slade, rector of St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, Schoharie county, and missionary.

*The Rev. Henry Stanley, rector of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, Herkimer county.

The Rev. A. Floridus Steele, assistant minister of St. Paul's Church, Albany.

*The Rev. James Wilkins Stewart, rector of St. Mark's Church, Malone, Franklin county.

*The Rev. Alfred Houghton Stubbs, rector of St. Timothy's Church, Westford, Otsego county, and missionary.

The Rev. Charles L. Sykes, minister of St. John's Church, Richfield Springs, Otsego county, and missionary.

The Rev. Porter Thomas, rector of St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, Montgomery county, and missionary.

The Rev. John B. Tibbits, deacon (A), at Hoosac.

The Rev. John Townsend, rector of Trinity Church, West Troy, Albany county.

*The Rev. John Ireland Tucker, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, and Principal of the Warren Free Institute.

*The Rev. Francis C. Wainwright, rector of Christ Church, Schenectady.

The Rev. George H. Walsh, rector St. John's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

*The Rev. Robert Washbon, Rensselaerville.

The Rev. Robert Weeks, rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

The Rev. Elias Weil, rector of St. John's Church, Essex, Essex county, and missionary.

*The Rev. Charles A. Wenman, rector of St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, Washington county, and missionary.

The Rev. Ephraim S. Widdemer, rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

The Rev. John F. Winkley, missionary at Norfolk, St. Lawrence county.

The Rev. Hermon G. Wood, rector of Christ Church, Herkimer, Herkimer county, and missionary.

Number of Clergy present at this Convention	62
Number of Clergy absent	6
Number on the roll of the Convention	68
Number not entitled to seats	10
Number of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese	78

NOTE A.—This letter (A) designates deacons who have not passed the examinations required by Canon 7, § VII. and § II, Title I., of the Digest of the Canons of the Gen. Conv., and have been admitted to the restricted Diaconate: Canon 6, § II., Title I., of the Digest of the Canons of Gen. Conv.

A List of the Clergy

PRESENT AT THIS

CONVENTION.

The following Clergy of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, were present at its session :

The Right Rev. HORATIO POTTER, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L.

Rev. JOHN H. BETTS,
WILLIAM S. BOARDMAN,
SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, D. D.,
J. H. HOBART BROWN,
D. HILLHOUSE BUEL,
EDWIN E. BUTLER,
NORMAN W. CAMP, D. D.,
JOSEPH CAREY,
EDGAR T. CHAPMAN,
LEWIS P. CLOVER, D. D.,
THOMAS W. COIT, D. D.,
ALBERT DANKER, jr.,
HENRY M. DAVIS,
WM. CROSWELL DOANE, D.D.,
EDWARD DOLLAWAY,
JOHN DOWNIE,
G. C. V. EASTMAN,

Rev. GEORGE W. FERGUSON,
GEORGE FISHER,
J. BRECKENRIDGE GIBSON,
BYRON J. HALL,
JOHN H. HOPKINS, jr.,
ROBERT T. HOWARD,
JOHN V. HUGHES,
GURDON HUNTINGTON,
WILLIAM O. JARVIS,
J. EVERETT JOHNSON,
WM. ROSS JOHNSON,
LEVI JOHNSTON,
JOHN STEINFORT KIDNEY,
LEWIS H. LIGHTHIPE,
ROBERT T. S. LOWELL, D.D.,
FREDERICK N. LUSON,
JOSEPH W. MULFORD,

Rev. James Byron Murray,
George L. Neide,
George H. Nicholls,
William M. Ogden,
William Payne, D. D.,
Edward Pidsley,
John F. Potter,
J. Livingston Reese,
William S. Rowe,
Nelson S. Rulison,
Edwin B. Russell,
David L. Schwartz,
Edward Selkirk,
Edwin Slade,
Rev. Henry Stanley,
A. Floridus Steele,
Alfred Houghton Stubbs,
Charles L. Sykes,
Porter Thomas,
John Townsend,
John I. Tucker, D. D.,
George H. Walsh,
Robert Washbon,
Robert Weeks,
Elias Weil,
Charles A. Wenman,
Ephraim S. Widdemer,
Hermon G. Wood.

CLERGYMEN NOT MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION, PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Henry Lascelles Jenner, D. D., Lord Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand.

The Rev. William E. Eigenbrodt, D. D., of the Diocese of New York.

The Rev. William T. Gibson, D. D., of the Diocese of Central New York.

The Rev. Henry M. Gregory, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Joel Davis, of the Diocese of Albany.

The Rev. John I. Forbes, of the Diocese of Albany.

The Rev. John B. Tibbits, of the Diocese of Albany.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRIMARY CONVENTION

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

JOURNAL.

ALBANY, WEDNESDAY, *December* 2, 1868.

A number of the Clergy and Laity of the new Diocese erected out of the northern part of the Diocese of New York, met at St. Peter's Church, Albany, at half-past ten o'clock in the morning, in accordance with the following call of the Bishop of New York:

PRIMARY CONVENTION.

Whereas, The necessary preliminary measures have been taken by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York, and by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, for the formation, on the fifteenth day of November next, of a new Diocese within the bounds of the said Diocese of New York, the said new Diocese to comprise the nineteen counties in the Diocese of New York which lie north of the southerly boundary lines of the counties of Columbia, Greene and Delaware; and

Whereas, It is made my duty, by Canon of the General Convention, to call the Primary Convention of the said new Diocese, and fix the time and place of holding the same;

Therefore, Notice is hereby given that the Primary Convention of the said new Diocese to be formed within the limits of the Diocese of New York will be held on Wednesday, the second day of December next, in St. Peter's Church, in the city and county of Albany, at half-past ten o'clock in the morning.

HORATIO POTTER,
Bishop of New York.

NEW YORK, *October* 28, 1868.

P. S.—For the canonical Form of Certificate of Lay Delegates, reference may be made to pages 319 and 320 of the Journal of Convention of the Diocese of New York, 1867.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. William Payne, D. D., rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany; the Collects and Litany being said by the Rev. R. T. S. Lowell, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh. The Ante-Communion service was said by the Right Rev. Henry Lascelles Jenner, D. D., Lord Bishop of Dunedin. The Epistle was read by the Rev. T. W. Coit, D. D., LL. D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy. The Sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Bishop of New York. The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Lord Bishop of Dunedin, assisted by the Bishop of New York, the Rev. William Croswell Doane, D. D., rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, rector of St. John's Church, Cohoes. The Blessing was pronounced by the Right Rev. the Bishop of New York.

After a recess, on motion of the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, the Rev. Dr. T. W. Coit, rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, being the senior Presbyter present, was appointed temporary Chairman.

On motion, the Rev. G. H. Walsh, rector of St. John's Church, Troy, and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, were appointed temporary Secretaries.

The notice of the Primary Convention of the new Diocese was then read.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Doane, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Secretaries and two Laymen, be appointed by the Chair to ascertain and report the names of the Clergymen entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese; and the names of the Churches in union with this Convention, and of the Lay Delegates to the said Convention, appointed by the Churches in the Diocese; and that persons holding certificates of their appointment as Lay Delegates be requested to hand them to the Secretaries.

The Chair appointed the Secretaries and the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn, of Trinity Church, Albany, and R. H. Cushney, Esq., of Zion Church, Fonda, this Committee.

The Committee reported the following roll of the Clergy:

1868.

PRIMARY CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE,

Comprising the nineteen Counties north of the southerly boundary lines of Columbia, Greene and Delaware, New York.

ROLL OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. John. H. Betts,
William S. Boardman,
Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D.,
J. H. Hobart Brown,
D. Hillhouse Buel,
Edwin E. Butler,
Norman W. Camp, D. D.,
Joseph Carey,
Edgar T. Chapman,
Lewis P. Clover, D. D.,
Thomas W. Coit, D. D.,
William H. Cook, of Keesoville,
Albert Danker, jr.,
Henry M. Davis,
William Croswell Doane, D. D.,
Edward Dollaway,
John Downie,
G. C. V. Eastman,
George W. Ferguson,
George Fisher,
J. Breckenridge Gibson,
Byron J. Hall,
John W. Hoffman,
John H. Hopkins, jr.,
Robert T. Howard,
John V. Hughes,
Gurdon Huntington,
William O. Jarvis,
J. Everett Johnson,
William Ross Johnson,
Levi Johnston,
John Steinfort Kidney,
Lewis H. Lighthipe,
Robert T. S. Lowell, D. D.,
Rev. Frederick N. Luson,
Joseph W. Mulford,
James Byron Murray,
George L. Neide,
George H. Nicholls,
William M. Ogden,
William Payne, D. D.,
Hewlett R. Peters, D. D.,
Edward Pidsley,
John F. Potter,
Henry H. Prout,
J. Livingston Reese,
William S. Rowe,
Nelson S. Rulison,
Edwin B. Russell,
David L. Schwartz,
Edward Selkirk,
Edwin Slade,
Henry Stanley,
A. Floridus Steele,
James Wilkins Stewart,
Alfred Houghton Stubbs,
Charles L. Sykes,
Porter Thomas,
John Townsend,
John I. Tucker, D. D.,
George H. Walsh,
Robert Washbon,
Robert Weeks,
Elias Weil,
Charles A. Wenman,
Ephraim S. Widdemer,
John F. Winkley,
Hermon G. Wood.

The Committee reported also the following list of Churches and of Lay Delegates to this Convention :

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RIMARY CONVENTION.

LIST OF CHURCHES

INETEEN COUNTIES NORTH OF THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY
OF THE COUNTIES OF COLUMBIA, GREENE AND DELAWARE,
ORK, IN UNION WITH THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE.

1868.

	Towns.	Churches.
.....	Albany	Grace.
		Holy Innocents'.
		St. Paul's.
		St. Peter's.
		Trinity.
	Cohoes	St. John's.
	Green Island	St. Mark's.
	Rensselaerville	Trinity.
	South Westerlo	Emmanuel.
	West Troy	Trinity.
.....	Centreville	St. Paul's.
	Champlain	St. John's.
	Ellenburgh	St. Peter's.
	Plattsburgh	Trinity.
	Rouse's Point	Christ.
.....	Claverack	Trinity.
	Copake	St. John's.
	Hudson	Christ.
	Kinderhook	St. Paul's.
	Stockport	St. John's.
.....	Bloomfield	Grace.
	Delhi	St. John's.
	Franklin	St. Paul's.
	Hobart	St. Peter's.
	Walton	Christ.
.....	Essex	St. John's.
	Keeseville	St. Paul's.
	Ticonderoga	Of the Cross.
.....	Malone	St. Mark's.
.....	Johnstown	St. John's.
	Northampton	Of the Redeemer.
.....	Athens	Trinity.
	Cairo	Calvary.
	Catskill	St. Luke's.
	Coxsackie	Christ.
	Greenville	Christ.
	Oakhill	St. Paul's.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.
Greene	Prattsville	Grace.
	Windham	Trinity.
Herkimer	Fairfield	Trinity.
	Herkimer	Christ.
	Little Falls	Emmanuel.
	Norway	Grace.
Montgomery	Amsterdam	St. Ann's.
	Canajoharie	St. Polycarp's.
	Fonda	Zion.
Otsego	Butternuts	Christ.
	Cherry Valley	Grace.
	Cooperstown	Christ.
	Exeter	St. John's.
	Garrettsville	St. Mark's.
	Morris	Zion.
	Otego	Immanuel.
	Richfield	St. Luke's.
	Richfield Springs	St. John's.
	Unadilla	St. Matthew's.
	Westford	St. Timothy's.
Rensselaer	Greenbush	Messiah.
	Hoosac Falls	St. Mark's.
	Lansingburgh	Trinity.
	Schaghticoke	Trinity.
	Troy	Christ.
		St. John's.
		St. Luke's.
		St. Paul's.
Saratoga	Ballston Spa	Christ
	Burnt Hills	Calvary.
	Charlton	St. Paul's.
	Mechanicsville	St. Luke's.
	Saratoga Springs	Bethesda.
	Schuylerville	St. Stephen's.
	Stillwater	St. John's.
	Waterford	Grace.
	West Charlton	St. Mary's.
Schenectady	Duanesburgh	Christ.
	Schenectady	St. George's.
Schoharie	Schoharie	St. Andrew's.
St. Lawrence	Canton	Grace.
	Morristown	Christ.
	Norfolk	Grace.
	Ogdensburgh	St. John's.
	Potsdam	Trinity.
	Waddington	St. Paul's.
Warren	Caldwell	St. James'.
	Chester (Pottersville)	Christ.
	Glen's Falls	Messiah.
	Luzerne	St. Mary's.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.
Warren	Warrensburgh	Holy Cross.
Washington	Cambridge	St. Luke's.
	Fort Edward	St. James'.
	Granville	Trinity.
	Hampton	Christ.
	Salem	St. Paul's.
	Sandy Hill	Zion.
	Whitehall	St. Paul's.
		Trinity.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

(The names of those who were present and sat in the Convention are printed in Small Capital letters. The names of those who were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names, are printed in Roman.)

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
Albany	Grace, Albany	WILLIAM R. FORD,
		HENRY J. WELLS,
		GEORGE W. GIBBONS.
	Holy Innocents', Albany	WILLIAM H. DEWITT,
		WILLIAM MASON,
		SAMUEL M. VAN SANTVOORD.
	St. Paul's, Albany	JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
		WILLIAM LACY,
		DAVID SPRINGSTEED.
	St. Peter's, Albany	JOHN T. COOPER,
		George Dexter,
		GEORGE S. WEAVER.
	Trinity, Albany	Hon. JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
		RICHARD J. STORY,
		WILLIAM GRANGER.
	St. John's, Cohoes	WILLIAM N. CHADWICK,
		WILLIAM S. SMITH,
		JAMES E. PLACE.
	St. Mark's, Green Island	WILLIAM C. BUEL,
		JAMES D. FORD,
		THOMAS R. SMITH.
	Trinity, Rensselaerville	FRANKLIN FRISBEE,
		James G. Jarvis,
		John H. Mulford.
	Emmanuel, South Westerlo	
	Trinity, West Troy	JAMES ROY,
		GEORGE B. FRASER,
		PETER V. HAGNER.
Clinton	St. Paul's, Centreville	
	St. John's, Champlain	DAVID FINLEY,
		D. Alonzo Kellogg,
		William R. Gordon.
	St. Peter's, Ellenburgh	

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
inton	Trinity, Plattsburgh.....	James Bailey, CHARLES H. MCNEIL, S. Wright Holcomb.
	Christ, Rouse's Point....	Aaron S. Thurber, John Thompson, William T. Crook.
olumbia	Trinity, Claverack.....	
	St. John's, Copake	
	Christ, Hudson	ROBERT B. MONELL, George W. Gibson, HORACE R. PECK.
	St. Paul's, Kinderhook.....	JAMES MITCHELL, Henry S. Wynkoop, FRANCIS SILVESTER.
	St. John's, Stockport	GIDEON LATHROP, Rensselaer Reynolds, THOMAS JAMES.
elaware.....	Grace, Bloomfield	
	St. John's, Delhi.....	JAMES ELWOOD, Apollos Cook Edgerton.
	St. Paul's, Franklin....	WILLIAM SMITH, Charles E. Miller.
	St. Peter's, Hobart.....	
	Christ, Walton.....	Henry E. Bartlett, M. D., George St. John, Edwin Guild.
ssex	St. John's, Essex	Stephen D. Derby, ARTEMAS W. WHITNEY, James B. Ross.
	St. Paul's, Keeseville	
	Of the Cross, Ticonderoga	
anklin	St. Mark's, Malone.....	Joel J. Seaver, WILLIAM ANDRUS, WILLIAM A. JONES.
ılton.....	St. John's, Johnstown.....	ELIJAH W. PRINDLE, ABIRAM S. VAN VORST, JAMES M DUDLEY.
	Of the Redeemer, Northampton..	HENRY SANDFORD, George Van Slyke, Harvey D. Smith.
reene.....	Trinity, Athens	S. H. NICHOLS, Nathan Clark, HENRY O. NICHOLS.
	Calvary, Cairo.....	Henry E. Hotchkiss, EDWIN E. DARBY, Alanson Lathrop.
	St. Luke's, Catskill.....	CHARLES B. PINCKNEY, JOHN H. BAGLEY, F. JAMES FITCH.

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
Greene.....	Christ, Coxsackie	LEWIS F. BOTSFORD, F. G. DEMING, George H. Lowry.
	Christ, Greenville	
	St. Paul's, Oak Hill	MANLY B. MATTICE, Aaron Roggen, John Henry Cheritree.
	Grace, Prattsville	
	Trinity, Windham.....	Addison Steele, Darius Prout, Willis Chatfield.
Herkimer	Trinity, Fairfield.....	
	Christ, Herkimer.....	George W. Pine, ROBERT EARLE, Clark P. Washburn.
	Emmanuel, Little Falls.....	NATHANIEL S. BENTON, ABRAHAM HANN, M. D., Charles A. Girvan.
	Grace, Norway.....	
Montgomery ..	St. Ann's, Amsterdam	Dr. CARLES DEVENDORF, JAMES FOX, W. MAXWELL REID.
	St. Polycarp's, Canajoharie	
	Zion, Fonda	RICHARD H. CUSHNEY, HIRAM L. WASHBURN, HENRY B. CUSHNEY.
Otsego	Christ, Butternuts	EDMOND C. GILBERT, A. Gould Blackman, John Mayne.
	Grace, Cherry Valley	HENRY ROSEBOOM, Abraham B. Cox, Joseph Phelon.
	Christ, Cooperstown	G. POMEROY KEESE, GEORGE W. ERNST, Jedidiah P. Sill.
	St. John's, Exeter.....	
	St. Mark's, Garrettsville	
	Zion, Morris.....	JAMES R. MORRIS, RUSSEL LEONARD, ALBERT Y. MOORE.
	Immanuel, Otego.....	WILLIAM BIRDSALL, GEORGE W. COOK, SAMUEL R. FALLETT.
	St. Luke's, Richfield.....	
	St. John's, Richfield Springs....	
	St. Matthew's, Unadilla.....	WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, George B. Fellows, SAMUEL NORTH.
	St. Timothy's, Westford	Albert Carrier Burn, Theodore A. Snyder,

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
tsego	St. Timothy's, Westford.....	DANIEL NASH ALLEN, jr.
ensselaer.....	Messiah, Greenbush	WILLIAM P. IRWIN,
		F. B. PARMELE, M. D.,
		John Ruyter.
	St Mark's, Hoosac Falls	JOHN H. WARREN,
		Levi C. Ball,
		JOHN L. QUACKENBUSH.
	Trinity, Lansingburgh	JOHN HOLME,
		HORACE W. DAY,
		NATHANIEL B. SYLVESTER.
	Trinity, Schaghticoke.....	
	Christ, Troy.....	CHARLES W. MOSELY,
		WILLIAM KEMP,
		GEORGE B. SMITH.
	St. John's, Troy	FRANCIS N. MANN,
		NORMAN B. SQUIRES,
		THOMAS A. TILLINGHAST.
	St. Luke's, Troy	Peter Thalimer,
		JOSEPH W. FULLER,
		Charles W. Tillinghast.
	St. Paul's, Troy.....	Hon. JONAS C. HEARTT.
		Hon. JAMES FORSYTH,
		JOHN H. WILLARD, Esq.
aratoga	Christ, Ballston Spa.....	JAMES W. HORTON,
		Wheeler K. Booth,
		BENJAMIN F. BAKER.
	Calvary, Burnt Hills.....	JAMES E. DAVIS,
		Lewis Sears,
		Calvin S. Wheeler,
	St. Paul's, Charlton	Frederick Curtiss,
		William Taylor,
		AMMI DOWS.
	St. Luke's, Mechanicsville.....	WILLIAM TIBBITTS, M. D.,
		N. H. Ballou, M. D.,
		John Cassedy.
	Bethesda, Saratoga Springs.....	AARON B. OLMSTED,
		PETER P. WIGGINS,
		HIRAM W. BURHANS.
	St. Stephen's, Schuylerville.....	
	St. John's, Stillwater	George D. Gardner,
		Theodore Baker,
		Lewis Lyon.
	Grace, Waterford	Joseph B. Enos,
		JOHN HIGGINS,
		JOHN FULTON.
	St. Mary's, West Charlton.....	
chenectady ...	Christ, Duanesburgh.....	BENJAMIN M. DUANE,
		HUGH M. DOUGALL,
		GEORGE MATTHEWS.
	St. George's, Schenectady	ABRAM A. VAN VORST

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
Schenectady ...	St. George's, Schenectady	SAMUEL W. JACKSON,
		JAMES R. CRAIG.
Schoharie	St. Andrew's, Schoharie.....	
St. Lawrence ..	Grace, Canton	J. CHAMPLIN HARISON,
		WILLIAM PICKSLAY.
	Christ, Morristown.....	
	Grace, Norfolk.....	
	St. John's, Ogdensburgh	WILLIAM J. AVERELL,
		James Armstrong,
		John C. Sprague.
	Trinity, Potsdam	EDWARD W. FOSTER,
		T. STREATFIELD CLARKSON,
		HARVEY W. REDWAY.
	St. Paul's, Waddington	Richard Harison,
		S. J. Dewey,
		W. M. M. Ogden.
Warren	St. James', Caldwell.....	Dr. James Cromwell,
		HIRAM WOOD,
		Hiram J. Rockwell,
	Christ, Chester (Pottersville) ...	
	Messiah, Glen's Falls	Jeremiah W. Finch,
		LEONARD G. MCDONALD,
		ARUNAH M. ADSIT, jr.
	St. Mary's, Luzerne	BENJAMIN C. BUTLER,
		Andrew J. Cherritree,
		William H. Ely.
	Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	BENJAMIN P. BURHANS,
		FREDERICK O. BURHANS,
		Charles Braley.
Washington ...	St. Luke's, Cambridge	EDWARD S. HOUGHTON,
		JOHN H. NEWMAN,
		John Walker.
	St. James', Fort Edward	HENRY WILLARD,
		Charles Albro,
		THOMAS R. WADE.
	Trinity, Granville	
	Christ, Hampton.....	
	St. Paul's, Salem.....	JAMES GIBSON.
		John M. Williams,
		Frederick Kegler.
	Zion, Sandy Hill.....	E. H. CROCKER,
		CHARLES H. BEACH,
		GEORGE WESTON.
	St. Paul's, Whitehall	ADOLPHUS H. TANNER,
		Charles H. Clarendon,
		Uriah H. Coffin.
	Trinity, Whitehall.....	

On calling the roll, sixty-one Clergymen entitled to seats answered to their names, and the Lay Delegates of sixty Parishes appeared and took their seats.

The Chair announced that a constitutional quorum was present, and that the Convention could canonically proceed to a permanent organization.

The Rev. Dr. Doane moved that the ballot be dispensed with, and that the Rev. Dr. Payne, of Schenectady, be elected President of the Convention.

The motion not being unanimously accepted, the Chair appointed the Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D. D., and the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn tellers of the Clerical vote for President of the Convention, and the Rev. J. Livingston Reese and R. H. Cushney, Esq., tellers of the Lay vote.

A ballot being taken, the tellers reported the following result:

Clerical vote:	
The Rev. Dr. Coit	26
The Rev. Dr. Payne	21
Lay vote:	
The Rev. Dr. Coit	35
The Rev. Dr. Payne	17

The Rev T. W. Coit, D. D., was accordingly declared President of the Convention.

Judge Fitch, of Catskill, nominated the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown as Secretary.

The Rev. E. Selkirk, Rector of Trinity Church. Albany, nominated the Rev. George H. Walsh as Secretary.

A ballot being taken, the tellers reported the following result:

Clerical vote:	
The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown	37
The Rev. G. H. Walsh	11
Lay vote:	
The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown	26
The Rev. G. H. Walsh	19

On motion, Mr. Brown was declared unanimously elected Secretary of the Convention.

On motion of Col. B. C. Butler, the ballot was dispensed with, and J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., of St. Paul's Church, Albany, was unanimously elected Treasurer.

On motion of the Rev. J. Steinforth Kidney, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. W. E. Eigenbrodt, D. D., be invited to a seat in this Convention, and render such aid in its organization and business as he, as Secretary of the Diocese of New York, may be able to furnish.

On motion of G. P. Reese, Esq., of Christ Church, Cooperstown, it was

Resolved, That the Diocese represented in this Convention be, and the same is hereby placed under the full Episcopal charge and authority of the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Bishop of the Diocese of New York, until a Bishop be duly elected and consecrated for the Diocese represented in this Convention.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution, duly attested by the officers of this Convention, be delivered to the Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., by a Committee of three members, to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Tucker, the Rev. Dr. Doane, and the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Doane, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop of New York be requested to allow us to publish with the first Journal of this new Diocese, the able, searching and most appropriate sermon preached this morning, whose preaching added, if possible, to our grateful appreciation of the Bishop's presence with us to-day.

The Rev. Dr. Bostwick, Rector of Zion Church, Sandy Hill, moved the following address, which was unanimously adopted :

THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE IN NORTHERN NEW YORK, ASSEMBLED IN THEIR PRIMARY CONVENTION, TO THE RIGHT REV. HORATIO POTTER, D. D., D. C. L., LL. D.

Rev. Father in God :

In sundering the ties that have so long bound us together, by the erection of this portion of your Episcopal jurisdiction into a separate and independent Diocese, we cannot part from your paternal authority and oversight without expressing to you the sentiments which inspire us as we review the past, and call up its many associations connected with your person and labors.

The recollections of the oldest of the Clergy among us go back to the time which beheld you the honored Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, the venerable Parish in which we are now assembled, and the Mother Parish of our new Diocese.

We remember the position which you then held as a leader among us, and the source to which we looked for counsel and judgment.

We remember the active and energetic part which you have taken in sustaining our local Bible and Prayer Book Society, and our Northern Missionary Convocation, from which, under God's blessing, so much fruit has sprung up within our borders that, from a Convocation, we have grown into a Diocese.

We remember our joy at your elevation to the dignity of the Episcopate, and the pride which we honestly felt at seeing one of our own number raised to that high office, while we justly anticipated your increased usefulness in that more extended field.

We remember the zeal and self-sacrifice with which you have executed the arduous duties of that office; your never-failing interest in the Missionary work we had to do; your untiring energy in being with us at our quarterly meetings of the Bible and Prayer Book Society, and of the Missionary Convocation, coming at all seasons, in summer and winter, amidst cold and heat, not sparing yourself, that you might speak to us words of guidance and encouragement.

We remember your welcome visits to our Parishes, your earnest addresses to our classes for Confirmation, and the strength which we all gathered from the example of your unwearied labors and unceasing toil.

We remember the sad pilgrimages which, in the Providence of God, you have been called from time to time to make into our midst, when you have come to bring precious forms to sleep with kindred dust, and our sympathies and prayers have mingled with your sorrows, and have gone up to the God of all Comfort, that in those repeated bereavements He would give you that peace which the world cannot give.

And now, in taking leave of you as our revered and beloved Diocesan, we assure you of the fervency of our prayers that the Divine Benediction may still rest upon your person and labors, causing your latter days to be even more fruitful than the former in all good works, till at length the burden and heat of the day shall be past, and the time of recompense and rest shall come.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Doane, it was

Resolved, That the foregoing address be read to the Bishop upon being introduced to the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Tucker announced that Bishop Potter had consented to take charge of the new Diocese until the consecration of its own Bishop, and in behalf of the Committee, introduced the Right Rev. the Bishop to the Convention.

The President of the Convention cordially welcomed the Bishop.

The Rev. Dr. Bostwick, at the request of the President, read to the Bishop the address ordered by the Convention.

Bishop Potter made the following reply :

Mr. President and Brethren of the Convention :

I am sure you will not expect me to exercise such a control of my feelings as to address you at any length at this time. I did not expect at this particular moment those words which go so much to my heart, and which deepen all the impressions which have been made upon me during my many years of intercourse with you. I feel entirely unable to express myself to you as you deserve to have me express myself, and as I may perhaps find words to do for you before the closing of your Convention. I can only say to you—and I know that you need no assurance—that in arriving at this point and taking these final steps tending to a final separation, I do not recollect in all the years that have passed, in all the intercourse between me and the Clergy of the Diocese, I don't recollect one single moment, one single act, one single word which I would wish to forget, one single demonstration of feeling which has not made an appeal to my sympathy, and will not remain as a most grateful memory through all my future life. I pray God to preside over you and send down upon you his blessing, and guide you in your deliberations to enable you to reach wise and safe conclusions, and fill your hearts with love and zeal and with a deep sense of the duty on which you are now about to enter.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Camp, it was

Resolved, That this Convention express their gratification at the presence, during the opening services this morning, of the Right Rev. Dr. Jenner, the Lord Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, and respectfully invite him to occupy a seat beside the President during the session.

On motion of the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector of this Parish for the admirable manner in which he ordered the opening services of this Convention.

The Rev. E. S. Widdemer, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Diocese, including the counties specified by the Bishop in his Call of this Convention, be called and known as the Diocese of Northern New York.

Judge Fitch, of Catskill, moved as an amendment, to strike out all after the word "Convention," and insert "be called and known as the Diocese of Albany."

The Rev. Dr. Bostwick moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Convention," and inserting "be called and known as the Diocese of Albany and Troy."

On motion, the foregoing resolution and amendments were laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Camp, it was

Resolved, That the election of a Bishop of this Diocese be made the order of the day for to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of the Hon. James Forsyth, of St. Paul's Church, Troy, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Constitution and Canons be requested to consider and report as early as practicable what changes, if any, in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of New York are rendered necessary by local causes to meet the circumstances of this Convention; and that the same Committee also report at some time during this session what permanent alterations, if any, are proper to be made in such Constitution and Canons, in order that the same, if approved by this Convention, may be adopted finally at the next session of the Convention of this Diocese.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be the Committee for the foregoing purpose.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Doane, it was

Resolved, That this Primary Convention desires to place upon record among its earliest minutes a tribute to the wise and painstaking zeal with which the interests of the Church in Northern New York have been cherished and advanced under the care of the Executive Committee of the Northern Convocation. Adding to the duties of their immediate cares the oversight of all the Churches, the members of the Committee have administered their duties with such devotion, economy and faithfulness that, under God, the Diocese owes to their cordial co-operation with the Bishop the growth of the Churches among us, both in the strengthening of the things that remain and were ready to perish, and in the planting of the advanced stations of our aggressive work.

On motion of the Rev. D. H. Buel, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary Convocation of Northern New York be requested to continue its organization and its missionary work until the next session of the Convention.

The report of J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., Treasurer of the Endowment Fund, was read by the Rev. Dr. Doane.

REPORT ON THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

ALBANY, *December* 2, 1868.

To the Convention:

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to report that the amount of cash received by him, and now in his hands, on account of subscriptions and collections for the Episcopal Endowment Fund, up to this date, is $26,045.51, which sum he is ready to pay over to such Trustees as the Convention may select.

A detailed report of the Churches and individuals contributing, is presented herewith.

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,

Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund for the Diocese in Northern N. Y.

DETAILED REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Augustus Slingerland, Albany	$50 00
James Meaman Smith, Albany	25 00
Elizabeth Peake, Hudson	20 00
Catharine B. Malcolm, Hudson	15 00
Communicant, Hudson	10 00
Cash, Hudson	5 00
W. P. Irwin, Greenbush	250 00
Mrs. Owen, Albany	10 00
Rhoda Gladding, Albany	50 00
J. M. Read, jr	50 00
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs	1,200 00
Mrs. Gladding, Albany	5 00
Rev. J. H. Hopkins, jr., Rouse's Point	100 00
St. Paul's Church, Troy	50 00
James Packard, Albany	200 00
Mary D. Adams, Albany	500 00
C. W. Bender, Albany	200 00
C. M. Jenkins, Albany	200 00
St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls	254 00
George P. Wilson, Albany	100 00
John S. Perry, Albany	100 00
John Kirkpatrick, Albany	100 00
Mrs. Commodore Price, Troy	25 00
J. V. L. Pruyn, Albany	250 00
Mrs. P. A. T. Steele, Albany	100 00
J. Battersby, Albany	25 00
S. E. Marvin, Albany	50 00
D. P. Gladding, Albany	10 00
H. L. King, Albany	100 00
C. S. McEntee, Albany	25 00
James Roy, West Troy	1,000 00
Rev. John Townsend, West Troy	100 00
James Roy, jr., West Troy	50 00
A. H. Sweeney, West Troy	50 00
Trinity Church, West Troy	20 00
T. Scarborough, West Troy	10 00

Gen. P. V. Hagner, West Troy	$20 00
Francis Sylvester, Kinderhook	25 00
H. G., Warrensburgh	5 00
St. John's Church, Delhi	116 00
St. Luke's Church, Cambridge	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Green Island	400 00
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs (additional)	150 00
A. Hill, Saratoga Springs	50 00
W. J. Dunham, Albany	15 00
A. Van Vechten, Albany	250 00
Alex. Kennedy, Albany	25 00
Laura Van Rensselaer, Albany	100 00
Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls	200 00
Trinity Church, Fishkill	3 50
St. John the Baptist's Church, Glenham	2 00
Grace Church, Albany	100 00
S. J. Roe, Albany	25 00
S. H. Hammond, Albany	50 00
Mrs. Netterville, Albany	10 00
Sarah E. Sanders, Albany	100 00
W. W. Hill, Albany	100 00
J. Woodward, jr., Albany	200 00
E. Maidment, Albany	25 00
C. Rathbone, Albany	300 00
J. H. Osborne, Albany	100 00
Mrs. L. R. Herrick, Albany	50 00
J. M. Smith, Albany	25 00
D. C. Judson, Albany	50 00
J. G. Ogden, West Troy	100 00
A. Gregory, Albany	100 00
E. Edmonds, Albany	10 00
Mary W. Phœnix, Hudson	100 00
A. Vilas, Ogdensburgh	10 00
Mrs. John Averell, Ogdensburgh	10 00
E. A. Watrous, Ogdensburgh	5 00
Grace Church, Cherry Valley	435 00
Christ Church, West Burlington	30 00
St. John's Church, Portlandville	10 00
J. H. Van Antwerp, Albany	1,000 00
W. H. De Witt, Albany	1,000 00
F. V. Burhans, Warrensburgh	25 00
L. Beer, Albany	100 00
George Kilbourne, Albany	10 00
A. J. Parker, jr., Albany	25 00
F. Chamberlain, Albany	100 00
W. Tibbits, Mechanicsville	20 00
N. W. Ballou, Mechanicsville	10 00
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs (additional)	100 00
R. G. C., Albany	100 00
St. James' Church, Caldwell	10 00

Wm. Lacy, Albany	$100 00
Hiram Perry Albany	100 00
Trinity Church, Whitehall	50 00
G. W. Gibson, Hudson	100 00
Mrs. R H. Freeborn, Hudson	50 00
Trinity Church, Windham	7 00
St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville, by W. C. Tallmadge, to complete $100	70 00
St. Paul's Church, Charlton	500 00
E. V. Hand, Albany	25 00
Mrs. L. Rathbone, Albany	100 00
O. Meads, Albany	500 00
L. Kip, Albany	50 00
Jonas C. Heartt, Troy	500 00
John J Thompson, Troy	500 00
St. Peter's Church, Albany	184 75
J. Forsyth, Troy	500 00
Trinity Church, Whitehall	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Albany	40 00
Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany	18 39
St. Paul's, Troy	70 00
Trinity Church, Sharon Springs	11 51
Trinity Church (subscription)	125 00
Grace Church, Canton	16 34
Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls	5 33
D. Springsteed, Albany	25 00
R. B. Monell, Hudson	100 00
Christ Church, Hudson	207 60
St Luke's Church, Middleburgh	4 00
Mrs. Patten, Albany	100 00
Christ Church, Cooperstown	800 00
Zion Church, Morris	500 00
Christ Church, Rouse's Point	25 00
R. J Story Trinity Church, Albany	100 00
St. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills	12 00
Trinity Church, Lansingburgh	425 00
J. P. S. Gifford, Albany	200 00
St. Luke's Church, Catskill (collection)	5 07
St. Luke's Church, Catskill (subscription)	415 25
Trinity Church, West Troy (subscription)	30 00
Trinity Church, Whitehall	75 00
St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam (collection)	4 40
Christ Church, Morristown (subscription)	63 00
Zion Church, Sandy Hill	145 00
Mrs. A. T. Pratt, Albany	100 00
C. Schuyler, Albany	25 00
James Kidd, Albany	300 00
Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany	365 00
J. D. Parsons, Albany	200 00
P. Ten Eyck, Albany	200 00

Townsend Fondey, Albany	$100 00
E. W. Corning, Albany	100 00
E. Corning, jr., Albany	1,000 00
C. H. Corning, Albany	50 00
Paul Cushman, Albany	200 00
Christ Church, Butternuts	50 00
St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville	2 60
St. John's Church, Stillwater	1 35
Theodore Miller, Hudson	100 00
W. B. Skinner, Hudson	100 00
Horace R. Peck, Hudson	100 00
James Mosely Hudson	25 00
Mrs. George Simpson, Hudson	25 00
George C Bryne, Hudson	10 00
Christ Church, Hudson (additional)	2 00
George J. Weaver, Albany	200 00
St. John's Church, Essex (collection)	11 00
J. C. Y. Paige, Albany	25 00
Mrs. Lennox, Albany	200 00
J Tweddle, Albany	1,000 00
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh (collection)	26 00
Trinity Church, Windham (collection)	10 35
St. John's Church, Fort Edward	191 00
Trinity Church, Lansingburgh (additional)	25 00
D. Manning, Albany	10 00
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh	185 00
Christ Church, Duanesburgh	200 00
Trinity Church, Athens Christ Church, Coxsackie	120 25
Calvary Church, Cairo (collection)	10 00
St. John the Evangelist's Church, Stockport	10 00
Christ Church, Herkimer	95 00
Emmanuel Church, Little Falls	10 38
St. George's Church, Schenectady	1,783 44
J. H Mulford, Rensselaerville	100 00
Harriet Mulford, Rensselaerville	10 00
Franklin Frisbee, Rensselaerville	75 00
St. Mark's Church, Malone	210 00
Trinity Church, Potsdam	400 00
Christ Church, Walton (collection)	7 00
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Calvary Church, Burnt Hills	150 00
St. Luke's Church, Cambridge (collection)	6 00
Rev E. Slade, Middleburgh	5 00
St. John's Church, Champlain	10 00
W. Alex Smith, N Y	50 00
E. N Prindle, Johnstown	50 00
St. Mark's Church, Hoosac (collection)	7 50
A. J. Parker, Albany	200 00

Trinity Church, Whitehall	$65 00
St. Mark's Church, Green Island (collection)	10 00
Christ Church, Ballston	165 00
Christ Church, Ballston (collection)	25 33
H. J. Barringer, Hudson	50 00
G. Dexter, Albany	100 00
St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook	100 00
Mather Bros., Albany	25 00
Agur Wells, Albany	100 00
G. D. Seymour, Ogdensburgh	10 00
D. Judson, Ogdensburgh	10 00
J. Hasbrouck, jr., Ogdensburgh	25 00
M. Hoffman Philip, Hudson	100 00
W. O. Connell	10 00
St. Luke's Church, Troy (collection)	30 00
Palmyra Frisbee, Rensselaerville	5 00
M. Cooper Wasson, Rensselaerville	25 00
B. Martin, Albany	50 00
St. John's Church, Troy (collection)	50 60
W. T. Rudd, Albany	25 00
G. B. Warren, jr., Troy	200 00
Trinity Church, Athens	18 00
Christ Church, Coxsackie	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Catskill (additional)	5 00
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January 18, 1869.

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP, *Treasurer.*

The Rev. Dr. Doane, from the Committee on the Episcopal Endowment, then read the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Eighteen appointed to secure the Endowment of the Episcopate of the Diocese in Northern New York, ask leave to deposit with the Secretary of the Convention for preservation among its papers, and for the information of its members, the following papers:

1st. The circular letter of the Committee to the clergy and laity of Northern New York.

2d. The minutes of the three meetings of the Committee.

3d. The form of subscription adopted and used by them.

4th. The last report of the Executive Committee of the Northern Convocation.

The Committee also ask of the Convention permission to add to these papers the subscription books containing the subscribers' names, wherever the Treasurer has collected the subscriptions. In this way the history of this whole transaction will be preserved, and the persons who have aided in the work of laying the foundations of our Diocese will be commemorated.

It is enough for the Committee to report to this Convention that the sum of at least $38,000 has been subscribed in the Parishes of this new Diocese, of which

sum about $26,000 have been paid into the Treasury. The subscriptions received in New York already increase this largely above the required sum.

The Parishes contributing, the list being made out in order of counties, and being made up to the first day of December, are as follows:

Albany County.	
Albany, St. Peter's	$9,375 00
St. Paul's	4,040 00
Grace	100 00
Holy Innocents'	1,385 39
Trinity	100 00
Cohoes, St. John's	1,000 00
Green Island, St. Mark's	400 00
Rensselaerville, Trinity	240 00
West Troy, Trinity	1,380 00
Albany County, total	$18,020 39
Clinton County.	
Plattsburgh, Trinity	$200 00
Rouse's Point, Christ	125 00
Clinton County, total	$325 00
Columbia County.	
Claverack, Trinity	
Copake, St. John's	
Hudson, Christ	$1,607 60
Kinderhook, St. Paul's	125 00
Stockport, St. John's	
Stottsville, St. Barnabas	500 00
Columbia County, total	$2,232 60
Delaware County.	
Delhi, St. John's	$116 00
Essex County.	
Essex, St. John's	$50 00
Keeseville, St. Paul's	60 00
Essex County, total	$110 00
Franklin County.	
Brush's Mills, St. Peter's	$12 00
Malone, St. Mark's	200 00
Franklin County, total	$212 00
Fulton County.	
Johnstown, St. John's	$50 00
Northampton, The Redeemer	
Fulton County, total	$50 00

GREENE COUNTY.

Athens, Trinity	$200 00
Catskill, St. Luke's	420 32
Coxsackie, Christ	100 00
Greenville, Christ	87 00
Windham, Trinity	
Greene County, total	$807 32

HERKIMER COUNTY.

Herkimer, Christ	$200 00
Little Falls, Emmanuel	550 00
Herkimer County, total	$750 00

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Amsterdam, St. Ann's	$229 40

OTSEGO COUNTY.

Butternuts, Christ	$50 00
Cherry Valley, Grace	435 00
Cooperstown, Christ	800 00
Morris, Zion	500 00
Portlandville, St. John's	10 00
West Burlington, Christ	30 00
Otsego County, total	$1,825 00

RENSSELAER COUNTY.

Greenbush, Messiah	$250 00
Hoosac Falls, St. Mark's	254 00
Lansingburgh, Trinity	425 00
Troy, St. Paul's	2,220 00
St. John's	1,125 00
Christ	
Holy Cross	1,267 00
St. Luke's	
Rensselaer County, total	$5,541 00

SARATOGA COUNTY.

Ballston Spa, Christ	$500 00
Burnt Hills, Calvary	200 00
Charlton, St. Paul's	500 00
Mechanicsville, St. Luke's	100 00
Saratoga Springs, Bethesda	1,655 00
Waterford, Grace	500 00
Saratoga County, total	$3,455 00

SCHENECTADY COUNTY.

Duanesburgh, Christ	$200 00
Schenectady, St. George's	2,100 00
Schenectady County, total	$2,300 00

SCHOHARIE COUNTY.

Sharon Springs, Trinity	$136 51
Middleburgh, St. Luke's	4 00
Schoharie County, total	$140 51

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Canton, Grace	$16 24
Morristown, Christ	63 00
Ogdensburgh, St. John's	370 00
Potsdam, Trinity	400 00
St. Lawrence County, total	$849 35

WARREN COUNTY.

Glen's Falls, Messiah	$205 33
Caldwell, St. James'	40 00
Luzerne, St Mary's	35 00
Warrensburgh, Holy Cross	5 00
Warren County, total	$285 33

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Cambridge, St. Luke's	$67 50
Fort Edward, St. James'	190 00
Sandy Hill, Zion	140 00
Whitehall, Trinity	500 00
Washington County, total	$897 50

Trinity Church, Fishkill	$3 50
St. John's, Glenham	2 00
	$5 50

The Committee desire to express their grateful appreciation of the service which, at the request of the Northern Convocation, the Rev. Mr. Brown has rendered in the matter of securing subscriptions to this Fund. And they are glad to add that the Chairman of the New York Committee, with whom Mr. Brown has also worked most efficiently, is so far encouraged by the response from the Churchmen of the old Diocese as to warrant the hope, amounting almost to a certainty, that New York will add the full sum of $40,000 to what has been secured here.

T. W. COIT, *Chairman.*
WM. CROSWELL DOANE, *Secretary.*

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees and Inspectors of Elections :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON CANONS.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., the Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, the Hon N. S. Benton, and the Hon. Francis N. Mann.

ON THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. William Payne, D. D., the Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, D. D., Messrs. Orlando Meads, William N. Chadwick and Jonas C. Heartt.

ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, the Hon R. H. Cushney, and the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn.

ON THE DIOCESAN FUND.

The Rev. J. Livingston Reese, the Rev. John Townsend, Messrs. George S. Weaver and Thomas A. Tillinghast.

ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Messrs. G. Pomeroy Keese, Robert B. Monell, and William H. De Witt.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. Robert Weeks and Mr. John H. Willard. For the Lay Vote—The Rev. William O. Jarvis and Mr. Ammi Dows.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. John H. Betts and Mr. James R. Morris. For the Lay Vote—The Rev. William R. Johnson and the Hon. William Andrus.

PROVISIONAL DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. Henry Stanley and Col. James E. Place. For the Lay Vote—The Rev. Edgar T. Chapman and Mr. William Lacy.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. Joseph Carey and Mr. W. S. Smith. For the Lay Vote—The Rev. Henry M. Davis and F. J. Fitch, Esq.

On motion of J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., it was

Resolved, That this Convention fix the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese at five thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, *December* 3, 1868.

The Convention met at the hour appointed.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. H. G. Wood, Rector of Christ Church, Herkimer, assisted in the Lessons and Collects by the Rev. Wm. M. Ogden, Rector of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh.

The Bishop took the Chair.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The names of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, absent yesterday, were called.* Several members of the Convention, not before present, answered and took their seats.

On motion of R. H. Cushney, Esq., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund take the proper measures to obtain an act of incorporation of themselves and their successors, as such Trustees, similar in its general provisions to the Act of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New York.

The following resolution offered by the Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That in fixing the amount of the salary of the Bishop, it is the understanding of the Convention that the Bishop is not to be the Rector of any Parish.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Edward W. Foster, of Trinity Church, Potsdam, was referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons:

Resolved, That the annual meetings of this Convention be held on the Wednesday next preceding the last Wednesday of September.

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* A List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates present at this Convention is prefixed to the Journal.

Judge R. H. Cushney, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Chair be requested to appoint a Commitee of five, two Clergymen and three Laymen, to nominate candidates for the Standing Committee, Missionary Committee of the Diocese, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, and Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.

On motion of Mr. G. Pomeroy Keese, it was

Resolved, That this Convention, recognizing the right of all parts of the Diocese to equal Episcopal care and supervision, and to a just and equal share in the Episcopal Fund now and hereafter to be raised, does hereby "solemnly pledge" itself, in the event of any future division or divisions of the present Diocese, to a prompt and equitable apportionment of the Fund among the several Dioceses so formed.

A motion offered by Mr. Horace R. Peck, of Hudson, that the resolution fixing the salary of the Bishop at $5,000 be reconsidered, was laid on the table.

On motion of the Rev. Joseph Carey, it was

Resolved, That in organizing a separate Diocese, one of our first duties is to record our deep sense of obligation to the Mother Diocese of New York, from which we are sprung, and from which so many of our Parishes have long received Missionary aid in the days of their feebleness; a sense of obligation which is increased by the certainty that this Missionary aid will not be suddenly or entirely withdrawn; and, also, that it is a source of great joy, in thus separating, to know that in another form, we shall shortly be reunited to the Mother Diocese, with all our Sister Dioceses in this State, to be separated hereafter, we trust, no more forever.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bostwick, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to confer with a similar Committee of the Diocese of New York, and with a similar Committee of the Diocese of Long Island, concerning a just and equitable division of the charitable funds of the Dioceses.

The President appointed the Rev. Dr. Bostwick, the Rev. Dr. Tucker, the Rev. W. R. Johnson, Messrs. W. H. De Witt and J. H. Van Antwerp.

On the nomination of R. H. Cushney, Esq., the following persons were elected Trustees of the Episcopal Fund: Messrs. Wm. H. De Witt, H. Pumpelly, J. H. Van Antwerp, James Forsyth and Jonas C. Heartt.

The Secretary announced that he had appointed the Rev. Robert Weeks, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the President appointed the following Committee of nine on the Bishop's Salary: The Rev. J. B. Gibson, the Rev. J. H. H. Brown, Messrs. James Roy, J. M. Warren, J. I. Thompson, Erastus Corning, jr., H. Pumpelly, J. V. L. Pruyn and Frank Stotts.

On motion of R. H. Cushney, Esq., it was

Resolved, In view of the pressing importance of our missionary work, and of the depleted condition of the Treasury, that the Rectors of Parishes present be requested, as they have heretofore at the meetings of the Convocation, to pledge annual contributions to the Treasurer.

On motion of Col. B. C. Butler, it was

Resolved, That at two o'clock P. M. the Convention will take a recess for one hour.

Twelve o'clock having arrived, the Convention proceeded to the Order of the Day, to-wit: the election of a Bishop for the Diocese.

The Right Rev. President called on the Convention to unite in devotions proper to the occasion.

The 68th Psalm of the Psalter was sung. The Lesser Litany was said by the Rev. Dr. Bostwick. The Veni Creator was sung, and space was kept for a while for silent prayer.

The President appointed the following Inspectors of the votes for the election of the Bishop: Clerical Vote—The Rev. Dr. Bostwick and N. S. Benton, Esq. Lay Vote—The Rev. J. Steinfort Kidney and R. H. Cushney, Esq.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for the Bishop.

The names of the Clergy were called by the Secretary, and of the Churches by the Assistant Secretary.

The members having deposited their ballots, the Tellers retired to count the votes.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Russell, it was

Resolved, That the Bible and Prayer Book Society of Albany and its vicinity be entitled to an annual collection.

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report as follows:

FIRST BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

Report of the Inspectors of the Clerical Vote.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. William C. Doane, D. D.	17
Frederick D. Huntington, D. D.	15
William Payne, D. D.	6
J. Ireland Tucker, D. D.	3
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	3
J. H. Hobart Brown	3
George Leeds, D. D.	3
Richard Newton, D. D.	1
Dr. Van Deusen	1
Dr. Seymour	1
Benjamin H. Paddock, D. D.	1
William R. Johnson	1
A. T. Twing, D. D.	1
Henry A. Coit, D. D.	1
R. S. Howland, D. D.	1
R. T. S. Lowell, D. D.	1
S. B. Bostwick, D. D.	1

Report of the Inspectors of the Lay Vote.

Whole number of ballots cast	63
Necessary to a choice	32
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.	21
William C. Doane, D. D.	8
George Leeds, D. D.	8
William Payne, D. D.	5
Benjamin I. Haight, D. D.	3
J. H. Hobart Brown	3
E. A. Washburne, D. D.	2
J. B. Gibson	2
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	2
S. B. Bostwick, D. D.	2
R. T. Lowell, D. D.	1
G. C. V. Eastman	1

Rev. B. H. Paddock, D. D.	1
H. C. Potter, D. D.	1
W. R. Johnson	1
R. B. Fairbairn, D. D.	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

The Inspectors having retired,

On motion, the Secretary was requested to call the roll of the Clergy for the purpose of receiving pledges of the sums of money which they would attempt to raise in their respective Parishes during the coming year, for the Missionary work of the Northern Convocation.

The roll being called, the following Churches were pledged to the Rev. W. R. Johnson, Treasurer of the Northern Convocation, for the amounts annexed to their several names:

ALBANY COUNTY.

Grace Church, Albany	$50
Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany	100
St. Paul's Church, Albany	150
St. Peter's Church, Albany	300
St. John's Church, Cohoes	150
St. Mark's Church, Green Island	20
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville	Collection.
Trinity Church, West Troy	100

CLINTON COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Champlain	15
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh	150
Christ Church, Rouse's Point	20

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Christ Church, Hudson	400
St. John's Church, Stockport	50
St. Luke's Church, Clermont	10

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Christ Church, Walton	15

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Essex	2 collections.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, Malone	30

FULTON COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Johnstown..... 50
Church of the Reedeemer, Northampton..... 25

GREENE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Athens..... 20
Calvary Church, Cairo..... 25
St. Luke's Church, Catskill..... 100
Christ Church, Coxsackie..... 15

HERKIMER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Herkimer..... 30
Emmanuel Church, Little Falls..... 12 collections.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam..... 15
Zion Church, Fonda..... 10

OTSEGO COUNTY.

Christ Church, Butternuts..... 25
Grace Church, Cherry Valley..... 50
Christ Church, Cooperstown..... 160
Zion Church, Morris..... 225
Immanuel Church, Otego..... 20
Trinity Chapel, Sharon Springs..... 25

RENSSELAER COUNTY.

Church of the Messiah, Greenbush..... 25
St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls..... 50
Trinity Church, Lansingburgh..... 30
Christ Church, Troy..... 50
St. John's Church, Troy..... 200
St. Luke's Church, Troy..... 20
St. Paul's Church, Troy..... 2 collections.
Church of the Holy Cross, Troy..... 100

SARATOGA COUNTY.

Christ Church, Ballston Spa..... 50
Calvary Church, Burnt Hills..... 20
St. Paul's Church, Charlton..... 20
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs..... 200

SCHENECTADY COUNTY.

Christ Church, Duanesburgh..... 50
St. George's Church, Schenectady..... 200

SCHOHARIE COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh..... 5

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Gouverneur..... 20

WARREN COUNTY.

St. Mary's Church, Luzerne	10

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. Luke's Church, Cambridge	10
St. Paul's Church, Salem	30
St. Paul's Church, Whitehall	50

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the second ballot as follows:

SECOND BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. William C. Doane, D. D.	28
F. D. Huntington, D. D.	20
George Leeds, D. D.	6
William Payne, D. D.	3
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	1
J. H. Hobart Brown	1
Dr. Mahan	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	63
Necessary to a choice	32
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.	34
W. C. Doane, D. D.	13
George Leeds, D. D.	8
William Payne, D. D.	4
B. I. Haight, D. D.	1
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	1
J. B. Gibson	1
J. H. Hobart Brown	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

The Inspectors having retired, Judge F. James Fitch, of Catskill, moved that the resolution and amendments in relation to the name of the Diocese, laid on the table yesterday, be taken up. Carried.

F. James Fitch, Esq., then offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the name of the Diocese be the Diocese of Albany.

The Right Reverend the President, as Bishop of New York, expressed his approval of the name resolved upon, and announced that henceforth this Diocese is to be called The Diocese of Albany.

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the third ballot as follows:

THIRD BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

Report of the Inspectors of the Clerical Vote.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. William C. Doane, D. D.	35
F. D. Huntington, D. D.	18
George Leeds, D. D.	4
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	1
J. I. Tucker, D. D.	1
James B. Murray	1

Report of the Inspectors of the Lay Vote.

Whole number of ballots cast	63
Necessary to a choice	32
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.	34
W. C. Doane, D. D.	19
George Leeds, D. D.	8
W. Payne, D. D.	1
J. H. Hobart Brown	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a fourth ballot.

The Inspectors having retired to count the votes, the Convention, in conformity with the resolution adopted, intermitted its session for one hour.

On reassembling, the Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the fourth ballot as follows:

FOURTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

Report of the Inspectors of the Clerical Vote.

Whole number of ballots cast	58
Necessary to a choice	30
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D.	31
F. D. Huntington, D. D.	16

Rev. George Leeds, D. D.	6
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	2
Wm. Payne, D. D.	2
J. B. Gibson	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	61
Necessary to a choice	32
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.	28
W. C. Doane, D. D.	21
George Leeds, D. D.	10
W. Payne, D. D.	1
S. B. Bostwick, D. D.	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a fifth ballot.

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the fifth ballot, as follows:

FIFTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. Wm. C. Doane, D. D.	37
George Leeds, D. D.	11
F. D. Huntington, D. D.	9
J. B. Gibson	1
Wm. Payne, D. D.	1
J. B. Murray	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of votes cast	61
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D.	20
Wm. C. Doane, D. D.	20
George Leeds, D. D.	16
W. Payne, D. D.	1
J. I. Tucker, D. D.	1
E. A. Hoffman, D. D.	1
M. Mahan, D. D.	1
S. B. Bostwick, D. D.	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a sixth ballot.

The Tellers having retired to count the ballots, the Rev. Dr. Coit, in behalf of the Committee on Canons, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Canons respectfully report,

1st. With regard to the special amendment referred to them, changing the time of holding the Annual Convention, that they recommend that in the first article of the Constitution the words "the Wednesday preceding" be inserted in the second line before the words "the last Wednesday," so that it will read "there shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese on the Wednesday preceding the last Wednesday in September."

2d. With regard to those portions of the laws of the old Diocese which, under Art. V. of the Constitution of the Church in the United States, become inoperative because they are obviously inapplicable to our circumstances; and also with respect to a thorough revision of the Constitution and Canons, your Committee report that in their judgment there is not sufficient time at this Convention for the careful and thorough action which is desirable.

In their opinion, however, our peculiar circumstances as a Primary Convention justify us in departing from the literal requirement of the old Constitution and Canons with respect to amendments, and they recommend that the Convention now empower their Committee on Canons, with the addition of the Bishop of the Diocese, as Chairman, when our Bishop shall have been consecrated, to make a thorough revision of the Constitution and Canons, and prepare their report for the final action of the next Convention.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons, with the addition of the Bishop of the Diocese, upon his consecration, as Chairman, be requested to make a thorough revision of the Constitution and Canons, and that they cause their report to be printed and sent to all the Parishes of the Diocese at least one month before the time of meeting of the next Annual Convention, and that the Convention shall then take final action upon the Constitution and Canons—the vote of a majority of the Convention voting, either together or by orders, as the Convention shall then determine, being decisive.

On motion of the Rev. D. H. Buel, the first part of the report of the Committee was considered separately.

The question was then taken on the proposed amendment to Art. I of the Constitution.

The amendment being approved, lies over until the next Convention.

The resolution offered by the Committee was then adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons, with the addition of the Bishop of the Diocese, upon his consecration, as Chairman, be requested to make a thorough revision of the Constitution and Canons, and that they cause their report to be printed and sent to all the Parishes of the Diocese at least one month before the time of meeting of the next annual Convention, and that the Convention shall then take final action upon the Constitution and Canons—the vote of a majority of the Convention, voting either together or by orders, as the Convention shall then determine, being decisive.

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the sixth ballot as follows:

SIXTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	36
George Leeds, D. D	17
F. D. Huntington, D. D.	3
William Payne, D. D	2
J. B. Gibson	1
W. F. Morgan, D. D	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	62
Necessary to a choice	32
Rev. George Leeds, D. D	29
W. C. Doane, D. D	25
F. D. Huntington, D. D	7
S. B. Bostwick, D. D	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to a seventh ballot.

The Inspectors of the votes for the Bishop presented their report of the seventh ballot as follows:

SEVENTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	58
Necessary to a choice	30
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	35
George Leeds, D. D	19
Wm. Payne, D. D	1
J. B. Gibson	1
J. B. Murray	1
F. D. Huntington, D. D	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	61
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. George Leeds, D. D	33
W. C. Doane, D. D	26
W. Payne, D. D	1
M. Mahan, D. D	1

There having been no election, the Convention proceeded to the eighth ballot.

The Tellers having retired, on invitation of the Right Rev. President, the Lord Bishop of Dunedin addressed the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. E. Slade, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks from this Convention be given to his Lordship the Bishop of Dunedin, for the very instructive and interesting remarks which he has just made concerning his Diocese and New Zealand.

The Inspectors of the votes for Bishop reported the eighth ballot as follows:

EIGHTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	58
Necessary to a choice	30
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	37
George Leeds, D. D	11
J. I. Tucker, D. D	7
M. Mahan, D. D	1
W. F. Morgan, D. D	1
J. B. Gibson	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	29
George Leeds, D. D	26
J. I. Tucker, D. D	4
M. Mahan, D. D	1

There being no election, the Convention proceeded with the ninth ballot.

The Tellers having retired, the Rev. Mr. Reese, for the Committee on the Diocesan Fund, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Diocesan Fund present the following report.

The separation from the Mother Diocese has left us without any funds in hand, either to pay the expenses of the Convention or the mileage of the Clergy. Having made an estimate of the amount this will require, and of the annual contributions made in former years by our Churches to the Diocesan Fund of the old Diocese, your Committee have found that the assessment of one and a half per cent upon the salaries of the Clergymen will be insufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Convention. They ask, therefore, the Committee on the Constitution and Canons to consider an amendment which will fix the canonical amount required at two per cent.

Your Committee are of the opinion that if the Parishes here represented in Convention will at once pay their canonical assessment, the Clergy may receive their mileage. They offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be requested to take into consideration an amendment to Canon XIV., section I., so as to read "two per cent," instead of "one and a half per cent."

Resolved, That there be paid to the Clergy who reside more than twenty miles from the place of meeting, and whose Parishes pay the quota assessed, seven cents per mile for every mile of the distance from their respective Parishes, provided that the Treasurer thinks the fund will warrant such an appropriation.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Convention and the printing of the Journal.

Signed in behalf of the Committee.

J. LIVINGSTON REESE, *Chairman.*

ALBANY, *December* 3, 1868.

On motion, the resolutions offered by the Committee were adopted.

The Inspectors of the votes for Bishop reported the result of the ninth ballot, as follows:

NINTH BALLOT FOR BISHOP.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE CLERICAL VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	58
Necessary to a choice	30
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	41
George Leeds, D. D	15
J. I. Tucker, D. D	1
Wm. Payne, D. D	1

REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF THE LAY VOTE.

Whole number of ballots cast	60
Necessary to a choice	31
Rev. W. C. Doane, D. D	31
George Leeds, D. D	25
J. I. Tucker, D. D	4

Whereupon the Right Rev. President declared that the Rev. William Croswell Doane, D. D., had been duly elected by the concurrent vote of the Clergy and Laity, Bishop of the Diocese of Albany.

The Bishop called on the Convention to sing the Te Deum.

After the Te Deum had been sung, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Payne, it was

Resolved, That the Canonical Testimonials of the Bishop elect be now signed by the Clerical and Lay members of the Convention.

The Canonical Testimony was then read by the Secretary, and signed by the Clerical and Lay members of the Convention, as follows:

IN THE NAME OF THE

FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred Office of BISHOP should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty GOD, testify that the

REVEREND WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, S. T. D.,

is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life, and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally, declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the Office of a BISHOP, to the honor of GOD, and the edifying of HIS CHURCH, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST.

Dated this third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

J. H. BETTS, Rec'or of Calvary Church, Ballston, and St. Paul's, Charlton.

SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, D. D., Rector of Zion Church, Sandy Hill, and St. James' Church, Fort Edward.

J. H. HOBART BROWN, Rector of St. John's Church, Cohoes.

D. HILLHOUSE BUEL, Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown.

EDWIN E. BUTLER, Rector of Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls.

NORMAN W. CAMP, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point.

JOSEPH CAREY, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa.

EDGAR T. CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Green Island.

LEWIS P. CLOVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush.

ALBERT DANKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville, and St. John's, Stillwater.

HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Salem.

EDWARD DOLLOWAY, Rector of Trinity Church, Gouverneur.

JOHN DOWNIE, Rector of Trinity Church, Claverack.

GEORGE C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Church of the Redeemer.

GEORGE W. FERGUSON, Rector of Immanuel Church, Otego.

GEORGE FISHER, Missionary at Schuylerville.

J. BRECKENRIDGE GIBSON, Rector of Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.

BYRON J. HALL, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.

J. H. HOPKINS, Jr., Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point.

R. T. HOWARD, Missionary at Fonda and Gloversville.

J. V. HUGHES, Rector of St. John's, Exeter, and St. Luke's, Richfield.

W. O. JARVIS, Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stockport.

J. E. JOHNSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Coxsackie.

WM. ROSS JOHNSON, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia County.

JOHN STEINFORT KIDNEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence County.

LEWIS H. LIGHTHIPE, Rector of Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego County.

ROBERT LOWELL, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh.

FREDERICK N. LUSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Whitehall.

JOSEPH NEWTON MULFORD, Rector of Christ Church, Troy.

JAS. BYRON MURRAY, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown.

GEO. L. NEIDE, Rector of St. John's Church, Champlain.

W. M. OGDEN, of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh.

WM. PAYNE, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

EDWARD PIDSLEY, Rector of Calvary Church, Cairo.

JOHN F. POTTER, Rector of St. James' Church, Caldwell.

EDWIN B. RUSSELL, Rector of Grace Church, Albany.

W. SOMERVILLE RULISON, Rector of Zion Church, Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y.

D. L. SCHWARTZ, Rector of Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N. Y.

EDWARD SELKIRK, Rector of Trinity Church, Albany.

EDWIN SLADE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, and Missionary in Schoharie County.

HENRY STANLEY, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls.

WM. S. BOARDMAN, Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany.

A. FLORIDUS STEELE, in charge of St. Paul's Chapel, Albany.

ALFRED HOUGHTON STUBBS, Rector of St. John's Church, Portlandville, and St. Thomas', Westford, &c.

PORTER THOMAS, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam.

JOHN TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, West Troy.

ELIAS WEIL, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex, Essex County.

CHARLES ALDIS WENMAN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cambridge.

E. S. WIDDEMER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy.

ROBERT WASHBON, Rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville.

HERMON GAYLORD WOOD, Rector of Christ Church, Herkimer.

J. IRELAND TUCKER, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy.

J. LIVINGSTON REESE, Rector of St. Paul's, Albany.

WILLIAM S. ROWE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Clermont, Columbia County.

ROBERT WEEKS, Rector of St. Luke's, Catskill, Greene Co., N. Y.

WM. R. FORD, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.

H. J. WELLS, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.

GEO. W. GIBBONS, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.

WILLIAM H. DEWITT, Holy Innocents, Albany.

S. W. VAN SANTVOORD, Holy Innocents, Albany.

J. H. VAN ANTWERP, St. Paul's Church, Albany.

JOHN TAYLOR COOPER, St. Peter's Church, Albany.

GEORGE S. WEAVER, St. Peter's Church, Albany.

RICHARD J. STORY, Trinity, Albany.

WILLIAM GRANGER, Trinity, Albany.

W. N. CHADWICK, St. John's, Cohoes.

W. C. BUELL, St. Mark's, Green Island.

JAMES D. FORD, St. Mark's, Green Island.

THOS. R. SMITH, St. Mark's, Green Island.

J. H. MULFORD, Trinity Church, Rensselaerville.

JAMES ROY, Trinity, West Troy.

GEORGE B. FRASER, Trinity, West Troy.

P. V. HAGNER, Trinity, West Troy.

JOHN HIGGINS, Grace Church, Waterford.

HORACE R. PECK, Christ Church, Hudson.

D. FINLEY, St. John's Church, Champlain.

CHARLES H. McNEIL, Trinity, Plattsburgh.

A. HANSOM, M. D., Emmanuel, Little Falls.

G. POMEROY KEESE, Christ Church, Cooperstown.

A. G. MOORE, Zion Church, Morris.

HENRY ROSEBOOM, Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego County.

GIDEON LATHROP, St. John the Evangelist, Stockport, Columbia County.

E. S. HOUGHTON, St. Luke's, Cambridge.

WILLIAM A. JONES, St. Mark's, Malone, Franklin County.

G. W. COOKE, Immanuel, Otego, Otsego County.

JAMES MITCHELL, St. Paul's, Kinderhook.

FRANCIS SILVESTER, St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook.

HENRY SANFORD, Redeemer, Northampton, Fulton County.

HIRAM W. BURHANS, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
P. PORTER HIGGINS, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
WHEELER K. BOOTH, Christ Church, Ballston Spa.
B. F. BAKER, Christ Church, Ballston Spa.
WILLIAM J. AVERELL, St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh.
BENJ. P. BURHANS, Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh.
FRED. N. BURHANS, Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh.
J. W. FITCH, Church of the Messiah, of Glen's Falls.
A. W. WHITNEY, St. John's Church, Essex, N. Y.
GEORGE WESTON, Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington County.
JAMES GIBSON, St. Paul's, Salem.
NATHAN CLARK, Trinity, Athens.
AMMI DOWS, St. Paul's, Charlton, Saratoga County.
WILLIAM TAYLOR, St. Paul's, Charlton, Saratoga County.
F. B. PARMELE, Church of the Messiah, Greenbush.
GEORGE W. ERNST, Christ Church, Cooperstown.
E. W. PRINDLE, St. John's, Johnstown.
THOMAS A. TILLINGHAST, St. John's Church, Troy.
BENJAMIN M. DUANE, Christ Church, Duanesburgh.
CHARLES B. PINCKNEY, St. Luke's, Catskill.
HIRAM WOOD, St. James' Church, Caldwell.
EDWIN E. DARBY, Calvary Church, Cairo.
WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla.
THOMAS R. WADE, St. James' Church, Fort Edward.
JAMES FORSYTH, St. Paul's Church, Troy.
C. H. BEACH, Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington Co., N. Y.
JOHN H. BAGLEY, JR., St. Luke's, Catskill.
RUSSELL LEONARD, Zion Church, Morris.
CALVIN S. WHEELER, Calvary Church, Ballston.
BENJAMIN C. BUTLER, St. Mary's, Luzerne.
ROBERT EARL, Christ's Church, Herkimer.
SAMUEL W. JACKSON, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
JAMES H. CRAIG, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
ABM. A. VAN VORST, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
R. H. CUSHNEY, Zion Church, of the village of Fonda.
CHARLES W. MOSELY, Christ Church, Troy.
H. L. WASHBURN, Zion Church, of the village of Fonda.
T. STREATFIELD CLARKSON, 2d, Trinity Church, Potsdam.
E. W. FOSTER, Trinity Church, Potsdam.
F. JAMES FITCH, St. Luke's Church, Catskill.
A. B. OLMSTEAD, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
DANIEL L. ALLEN, JR., St. Timothy's Church, Westford.

At the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Albany, held at St. Peter's Church, Albany, December 3d, 1868—after resolution, the above Testimony was signed, in open session, by a Canonical majority of the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

J. H. HOBART BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

On motion, the Rev. Drs. Tucker and Payne, W. H. De Witt, Esq., and Judge Cushney, were appointed to wait upon the Rev. Dr. Doane, and to announce to him his election, and to ask him to present himself to the Convention before the close of the session.

The Committee reported that they had communicated with the Bishop elect, and that he had yielded to the request of the Convention to meet them.

The Bishop elect then appeared and addressed the Convention as follows :

My Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity :

I have come to you at once, since I have no studied words to say to you. I desired *not* to have this office, and I dreaded it not; for I had no thought to-day that such an election was possible. If it had come to me through any desire of mine, or by any device of man, if it had come to me in any way other than from God, I would die rather than take up the load that is thus laid upon my soul. If the consent of my Right Reverend Fathers, and of the Diocesan Committees, shall confirm this choice, and thus make it the voice of God to me, I shall simply say: "Here am I; send me whithersoever thou wilt, and I will go." I do feel strengthened and cheered when I look around upon those who are to work with me—consecrated not only in the sacred Orders of the Ministry, but in the office and place of the Laity—who will sustain me in bearing the burden they have laid upon me; and with that support, God helping me, I will assume the weight, and wear, and work in which they are co-workers with me unto the Kingdom of God. If I may only follow at a distance in the steps of my beloved and Right Reverend Father here—if I may but be allowed to tread at ever so long an interval in the footprints of my own beloved father, now in Paradise—I can ask nothing more from God. I give myself, my life, my all, through you, to God. I ask from you your confidence, your sympathy—I had almost said your pity—and your prayers, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear I may have some part, with you, in the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

On motion, the business of the Convention was suspended for one hour.

THURSDAY EVENING, *Dec.* 3; quarter-past 8 o'clock.

The Convention reässembled.

The Right Reverend the President took the Chair.

On motion of the Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, it was

Resolved, That the Standing Committee of the Diocese be and they are hereby instructed to take all the steps necessary for the consecration of the Rev. William Croswell Doane, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Albany.

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, it was

Resolved, That the house go into the election for Deputies to the Federate Council, together with the other elections.

The following communication was received and read by the Secretary:

To the President of the Convention:

As one of the officers of St. Peter's Church, Albany, and in the name of my associates, I hereby tender St. Peter's Church for the consecration of the Bishop elect. JOHN TAYLOR COOPER, *Warden.*

ALBANY, *December* 3*d*, 1868.

On motion of the Rev. William Payne, D. D., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention presents its loving thanks to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New York, not only for his presence in presiding over its deliberations, but for his deep personal interest in the important business of the session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby presented to the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church, Albany, for their admirable arrangements for the convenience and comfort of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are cordially tendered to the Churchmen of Albany, for their abundant hospitality to the members in attendance.

On motion of the Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are tendered to the Rev. Dr. Eigenbrodt, for the valuable assistance rendered by him in the organization of this Diocese, and during its sessions.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to print and distribute 1,500 copies of the Journal of this Primary Convention.

The Inspectors of the Votes for the Standing Committee of the Diocese presented their Reports:

Whereupon, the following persons were declared duly elected by the concurrent vote of the Clergy and Laity, to be

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

CLERGY:

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D.,
The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D.,
The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown,
The Rev. J. Livingston Reese.

LAITY:

Mr. James Roy,
Thomas A. Tillinghast,
Orlando Meads,
Robert B. Monell.

The Inspectors of the Votes for the Missionary Committee presented their Reports:

Whereupon, the following persons were declared to be duly elected by the concurrent votes of the Clergy and Laity, to be members of

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

CLERGY:

The Rev J. H. Hobart Brown,
The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson,
The Rev. George H. Walsh,
The Rev. Nelson S. Rulison,
The Rev. E. S. Widdemer.

LAITY:

Mr. Norman B. Squires,
Joseph M. Warren,
Joseph W. Fuller,
Lyman Tremain,
Benjamin F. Baker.

The Inspectors of the Votes for Deputies to the General Convention presented their Reports:

Whereupon, the following persons were declared duly elected by the concurrent votes of the Clergy and Laity, to be

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

CLERGY:

THE REV. WILLIAM PAYNE, D. D.,
THE REV. J. IRELAND TUCKER, D. D.,
THE REV. D. HILLHOUSE BUEL, D. D.,
THE REV. J. BRECKENRIDGE GIBSON.

LAITY:

MR. ORLANDO MEADS,
JONAS C. HEARTT,
JAMES FORSYTH,
G. POMEROY KEESE.

The Inspectors for the Votes for Provisional Deputies to the General Convention presented their Reports:

Whereupon, the following persons were declared duly elected by the concurrent votes of the Clergy and Laity, to be

PROVISIONAL DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

CLERGY:

THE REV. ROBERT T. S. LOWELL, D. D.,
THE REV. GEORGE H. WALSH,
THE REV. WILLIAM R. JOHNSON.

LAITY:

MR. RICHARD H. CUSHNEY,
SAMUEL NELSON,
GEORGE P. WARREN,
JOHN V. L. PRUYN.

The Inspectors of the Votes for Deputies to the Federate Council presented their Reports:

Whereupon, the following persons were declared duly elected by the concurrent votes of the Clergy and Laity, to be

DEPUTIES TO THE FEDERATE COUNCIL.

CLERGY:

The Rev. William Payne, D. D.,
The Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D. D.,
The Rev. John S. Kidney,
The Rev. Robert T. S. Lowell, D. D.,
The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, D. D.,
The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson,
The Rev. John H. Hopkins, Jr.

LAITY:

Mr. Orlando Meads,
James Forsyth,
Nathan B Warren,
William N. Chadwick,
G. Pomeroy Keese,
F. James Fitch,
James Roy,
Richard H. Cushney.

There being no election of one other Clerical Deputy to the Federate Council:

On motion of the Rev. William Payne, D. D., it was unanimously

Resolved, That ballot be dispensed with.

Dr. Payne then nominated for the vacant place the Rev. Wm. R. Johnson.

Whereupon the vote having been taken by orders,

The Rev. William R. Johnson

was declared elected by the concurrent votes of the Clergy and Laity, a Deputy to the Federate Council:

On motion of the Rev. John H. Hopkins, Jr., it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Convention has received with great pleasure the tender of the use of St. Peter's Church, Albany, for the consecration of the Bishop elect of this Diocese; and feels assured that as no building could be more appropriate for that holy service than the Mother Church of the new Diocese, so the offer thus kindly made will be favorably considered by the authorities empowered to act in the premises.

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, it was

Resolved, That the address of the Bishop elect to this Convention be entered in full upon the Minutes.

On motion of the Secretary, it was

Resolved, That after the reading of the Minutes and appropriate devotions the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Right Rev. the President addressed the Convention.

The Minutes of to-day's proceedings were read and approved.

Gloria in Excelsis was sung.

Appropriate Collects were offered by the Rev. J. Livingston Reese.

The Blessing was pronounced by the Right Rev. the Bishop of New York, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HORATIO POTTER, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L.,

Bishop in Charge of the Diocese of Albany,
And President of the Primary Convention.

Attested:

J. H. HOBART BROWN, *Secretary*,

ROBERT WEEKS, *Assistant Secretary*.

SERMON

PREACHED AT THE OPENING OF THE

PRIMARY CONVENTION,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1868,

BY THE

Right Rev. HORATIO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L.,

BISHOP OF NEW YORK.

SERMON.

My Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity :

After the adjournment of the late Annual Convention of the Diocese of New York, the Bishop found himself standing in a position as novel as it was impressive and affecting. Out of portions of the Flock among whom he had labored and over whom he had presided for fourteen years, two new Dioceses were in a few weeks to spring into existence, and he was to be called upon to render his first service to these new Dioceses by assisting them, one after the other, in the work of their organization, while at the same time he discharged his last official duty to his old friends and brethren by delivering to them his parting words of counsel. Valedictory words spoken under such circumstances must needs be spoken from a full heart, and however simply expressed, they ought to be the result of mature consideration on the nature of the trust committed to us, and on the present and probable future of the Church in this country.

There are some great occasions on which the Truths proper to be presented suggest themselves to the mind with irresistible force—truths of such transcendent importance, and so vitally connected with impending events, that they will not be put aside.

In prospect of the Primary Conventions in which portions of his old charge were to be dismissed to an independent existence, and brethren beloved were to be officially taken leave of, such special truths pressed themselves upon the consideration of your Bishop.

A moment's reflection sufficed to make it apparent that they were as applicable and as important to either one of these new Dioceses as to the other, and he therefore makes no apology for repeating here to-day, with certain special additions of local interest, words heretofore addressed to the Convention that has preceded you.

OTHER FOUNDATION CAN NO MAN LAY THAN THAT IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.—1 Cor., iii, 11.

When we lay the corner stone of an edifice to be devoted to the worship and service of Almighty GOD, we do it solemnly "IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST," thus making at once our profession of faith, and our appeal for Divine protection and blessing to the Triune God, the ever blessed and adorable Trinity. And then immediately upon that act, standing over that new laid corner stone, in the free open air of Heaven, we proclaim to all the world *the one sole foundation* on which we propose to erect not only that sacred edifice, to be composed of earthly materials, but all our works of piety and charity, all our endeavors for personal sanctification and holiness, the whole superstructure of means and agencies for promoting the greater glory of God in the extension of His Kingdom and the salvation of His redeemed, immortal creatures. "*Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*"

And on this most interesting day, the dawning of a new era for you, my dear Brethren, when we begin to put together the framework and to erect the superstructure of a new Diocese, we say, over all, the words of faith, devotion and earnest prayer, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and we proclaim to all who have ears to hear, the *one only Rock* on which we mean to build, whether in the work of our own personal salvation, or in the work of this now-to-be organized Diocese, this definite and independent portion of our Branch of the One Holy Catholick Church, "*Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*" We utterly disown every hope for our own souls, every hope for the Church of GOD which does not

come from our dear, all merciful and adorable Lord! To His precious Death and glorious Resurrection we cling for life. His one full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world we plead for pardon and cleansing from sin. To His Heavenly Grace, the grace which He purchased for us and which He sends forth to us in the gift of the Holy Ghost, to the grace which flows forth from His Divine Person into all His members—the members of His mystical Body—we look for spiritual regeneration, renewal, sanctification, for spiritual life, light, strength, comfort, peace, joy! We do most gratefully and adoringly acknowledge that from His gracious influences "proceed all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works." Our nature, made in the image of God, but mightily defaced and changed, retained only just enough of its original excellence to be capable of a new creation, capable of receiving a Heavenly gift. And now, behold! all things are made new in Christ Jesus. If we have any hope that works of ours are acceptable in His sight, it is because we humbly trust that they are prompted by His Spirit and bedewed with His most precious Blood. Have we a most comfortable assurance that our prayers in private and our worship in the Holy Place are not in vain? It is because we know there is One who helpeth our infirmities, enabling us to worship in spirit and in truth, and that there is an all-pitying Mediator and Intercessor, who, with prevailing pleas and merits, bears our supplications and praises to the Mercy Seat! What is there to prevent even the read and preached word of God from falling dead upon our stony human hearts—what but the enlightening and sanctifying Spirit of Grace which may accompany that word, making it sweeter than honey, more refreshing than Heavenly manna in the wilderness, or else quick and powerful, "sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit," and laying open to the light the thoughts and intents of the heart. It is of the infinite mercy of GOD in Christ Jesus that even the motions of our outward life are hallowed and made efficacious; that, for us, things common and earthly are changed into things supernatural

and divine; that outward and visible instrumentalities, used in faith and love, are means whereby we reach Heavenly blessings. These solemn assemblies in the Holy Place; the waters of Baptism to which we bring our little children; the laying on of hands for the sealing of the Spirit; the oft repeated ceremony of the Eucharistic Feast; the Benediction that hallows the nuptial union; the final office that remits the mortal remains of the faithful departed to the glories of the resurrection morning—O! they are not empty ceremonies, they are not heathenish rites, they are not impotent, trifling, without GOD and without hope, leaving the soul uncheered, unprovided for death, judgment and eternity! Oh, no! Thanks be to GOD! In His unspeakable goodness He hath graciously instituted and ordained all these outward and visible things for our use, in faith, to the health of our souls. He hath cleansed and hallowed them. He hath superadded to them His effectual blessing. He hath made them channels of His grace. In condescension to our weakness and misery they are given to us to be helps to devotion, aids to faith, means through which divine gifts may be imparted to us and by which we may receive them—most comfortable, visible pledges, when rightly used, that our dear LORD and Saviour unites Himself to us, and that our Heavenly Father accepts and blesses us in Him.

We do indeed, my Brethren, as taught and commanded by our blessed LORD, hold to the outward and visible as well as to the inward and spiritual. Let other men speculate and dogmatize as they will. Let them in proud self-confidence build up their vaunted systems out of only one part of the Truth of GOD. But we hold to our adorable Head and accept the whole Truth, in all its divine, mysterious fulness, just as He delivered it to us, just as it was *once for all* delivered to the primitive saints, and by them authenticated and handed down to us. Our salvation is all of Grace, a free unmerited gift, the purchase of the Passion and Death of our Saviour Christ; but it comes to us on conditions, conditions essential to the regeneration and sanctification of our souls—first, Faith in that Saviour as our Prophet, Priest and King; and second,

Sacramental union with Him in and through His Mystical Body, the Church.

He commands the good news of salvation to be proclaimed in all the world, with the gracious promise: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;" and His great apostle, in his very first sermon, exhorts those whom he has brought to believe in Christ, and who, stung with a sense of guilt, are crying out to the apostles, "Men and Brethren, what shall we do," he exhorts them: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Such was the spirit of the apostles and first preachers of the gospel. No undervaluing of the outward and visible things of Christ's Institutions. No keeping of them out of sight. But on the contrary, as in the case of these three thousand brought into the Church in one day—as in the case of the jailer at Philippi—as in the case of the Ethiopian eunuch—*they hurried men*, so soon as they became earnest believers, into the ark of Christ's Church, through the door of Baptism, and their children with them.

In other words, Christianity is not a mere *sentiment;* it is not a mere *doctrine*, opinion or feeling. It is a *Divine Institution* duly organized; its Faith, its Ministry, its Sacraments all alike unchangeable, and all alike derived from its divine Author and Head. It is a *Holy Society*, a *Spiritual Body*, the very Mystical Body of Christ, filled with His Presence and Grace—a living *Body*, of which, if it be accessible to us, we must become members, and in and through which we must find nourishment for our spiritual life and work out our salvation.

Fallen man is too weak and dependent to live *alone*. Without society his intellectual and moral nature deteriorates and runs to waste. And much more is it impossible for him without society to rise above evil, to erect himself above himself and to grow to perfection as a spiritual being, having a soul to be sanctified and saved forever! It is only as he is surrounded and buoyed up, and kept steady to the Truth by a Society, a Body, having an

unchangeable creed, that he is saved from those vagaries of thought that take possession of the solitary mind and hurry it into fatal error. It is only amid the supports and safeguards of a Holy Society that the individual soul can be kept so imbued with the Faith and so fastened to it as never even to think of changing it. It is only in such a Society that the evil in man's nature can be repressed, and the good effectually excited, exercised, nourished, strengthened, perfected.

It is then in condescension to the weakness of our mortal nature, it is to meet the necessities of our spiritual life, it is that there may be a visible Power in the world unitedly working for its salvation, that Almighty GOD hath been pleased to set up His Church on earth—that our adorable Redeemer hath filled it with His spiritual life and grace, hath garnered up in it His means and pledges of salvation, hath required us to become members of it, to dwell in it in a living spirit of faith and devotion, and hath promised to abide with us in it to the end of the world. We hold that the faithful use of these visible means and pledges of salvation, as ordained of Christ, in loving communion and fellowship with His visible Church where they may be had, are *vital, indispensable*, in order that the benefits of Christ's death may be applied to our souls; but we hold with equal intensity of grateful, loving conviction, that all grace, all mercy, every spiritual gift, whether coming directly from on high, or in conjunction with the use of visible means, is from Christ, is the purchase of His meritorious work. Our whole spiritual life, and the Church of GOD in which we have it sustained, are built up from Christ as the *one Foundation*. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

It may be thought that we consume too much time and use too many words in reiterating and emphasizing truths familiarly known and universally acknowledged. But the circumstances of the time are peculiar and extraordinary. A new Diocese has just sprung into existence and is now about to be organized and to commence its work, to take its *bent* and its *tone* for perhaps ages

to come! We address a body of Clergy and Laity who have long been part of our spiritual charge, who may yet be said to belong to it, but who are passing away from us to take *form* and *shape* in another hour as a separate spiritual household.

At such a moment we cannot but speak most affectionately, in a most paternal spirit, and we are *bound* in all conscience to speak plainly and pointedly, and in so doing we wish to exclude the possibility of any mistake as to our feeling about the sacred fundamental truths just stated, which we hold as we hold our life. We desire to declare to you *all our mind*, so far as we may do it in the very brief space of time to which we are limited. And we wish to speak of others as little as possible; our business is with ourselves.

What, then, *are we* as a Religious Body? Are we merely a casual, imperfect, ecclesiastical fragment thrown violently off from some great primal Body amid the revolutions of ages, having no organic connection with the past, and within ourselves no unquestionable powers for legitimate reproduction, control, development? In plain terms, are we the offspring of time and chance, as men speak, new-born three hundred years ago, amid the convulsions of the Reformation period, with a new ministry not after the primitive pattern, not connected by unbroken succession with Christ and His apostles, and with only such narrow and partial *systems of belief* as may be generated out of men's partial, one-sided minds, when they set themselves to interpret Holy Scriptures purely in the light of their own private judgment, without consulting the witness of the Primitive, undivided Church? Are *we* only such a Body? Or, are we a pure Branch of the One Holy Catholick Church, with an unbroken existence from the day of Pentecost, with a duly constituted valid ministry, handed down from Christ through an uninterrupted succession, and holding all the great fundamentals of the Faith, not as *matters of opinion* but as matters of fact, resting upon the plain letter of Holy Scripture and the unanimous judgment of the whole company of primitive saints and confessors?

To ask these questions is to answer them. If we know anything of our own spiritual household as we ought to know, we know that *it is not the work of men's hands*, that it is not a product late in the Christian ages, of new formed judgments—not a product of casual associations of men placed in narrow circumstances, and swayed for the time by narrow passions.

When the English Reformers found themselves impelled to deliver their Branch of the Church from its thraldom to a foreign usurping power, and to free it from the dust and rubbish of the middle ages, they did not revolutionize, as was done on the Continent, but they *reformed* the Church; and without breaking the integrity or the continuity of the ministry, without touching one single vital element that could plead catholicity, or universality, they simply cast off the superstitious and cumbrous ceremonies of those unhappy previous centuries, and restored the Church in all essentials to a strict conformity to the Primitive Church. Nor did they attempt this in the light of their own unaided judgments, but they took the Holy Scriptures in one hand and the witness of the Primitive Church in the other, and so, by God's help, made all things pure, and established them upon the "foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." Their Church, and ours after it, was Protestant, as witnessing against the corruptions in doctrine and practice of the Church of Rome, and Catholick as retaining all the vital elements of the Primitive Church—all those elements which were intended to be and have been perpetuated in that Church in all ages, as they shall be to the end of time.

Such is our branch of the Church. It is a pure branch of the One Holy Catholick Church; its Ministry, its Faith, its Sacraments, its Credentials derived uninterruptedly from Christ, and having for its *seal* the witness of the whole Primitive Church for three hundred years.

Of this Branch of the Church your Diocese is to form a part. And now, my Brethren, I come in all seriousness to ask a question, the answer to which very much concerns you. How may you best

promote the growth, the unity, the prosperity of your Diocese? What kind of teaching will make the ministry of the Clergy most effectual for the permanent good of the People? How shall the Laity of this Diocese become so rooted and grounded in the faith that they shall not be liable to be blown about by every wind of doctrine? How shall they be so stablished, strengthened, settled in their attachment to the Truth as held in this Church, that their continuance in the Church shall not depend upon any mere accident, such as the attractiveness of the present Pastor, or liking or disliking for some phase in the ongoings of the Church, here or there, to-day or to-morrow? How shall the Church in your Diocese do its part toward meeting a *craving* which is every day growing more restless and more intense in the world—a craving for broad, genial, satisfying, well authenticated, well settled truth—a craving for a broad and solid foundation for belief—a craving for deliverance from shifting and conflicting opinions, from the grotesque and impotent exhibitions so often obtruded upon the public by heterogeneous assemblages of professed seekers after Truth—crude, self-confident thinkers—who are forever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the Truth? How shall your Church be made to appear to the multitude of weary, tempest-tossed, lost wanderers as *the very ark of the LORD*, in which peaceful, heavenly rest may be found forever amid the immutable, precious things of GOD? Need I answer? Under the divine Blessing these objects are to be attained by regarding the Church, by treating it, by teaching in it, by living in it, *as that which it really is*—not a sect, not a respectable religious Body, for whose order and doctrines a plausible argument can be constructed out of Holy Scriptures—but as a pure branch of the One Holy Catholick Church, divinely handed down to us; and as to its faith and order, resting upon the immovable foundation of Holy Scripture, rightly interpreted, according to its letter and according to the faith and practice of the whole early Church. Nothing short of this will give to the members of this Church, whether Clergy or Laity, an adequate sense of the greatness of their privileges, of the

extent of their responsibilities, or of the strength of their position. Nothing less will inspire them with the greatness of soul, the Christian faith and courage necessary for their comfort and for their work. Nothing less will enable them to cultivate a true spirit of unity, broad comprehensive sympathies in spite of minor differences of opinion, or to estimate at their real worth those ephemeral ebullitions which sometimes awaken groundless alarm in the ill-informed and unstable.

Let it not be thought, my Brethren, that my words imply any the least impeachment of your views, or of your teaching in the past. Nothing could be further from my intention. I think you know how I have loved you, and how I have honored your ministry. I speak altogether in the abstract, as if I had never known you in former years, and had no thought of knowing you in the future, and had only in view those great elements of *life* and strength which must be everywhere alike needful to the well being of the Church. Some excellent persons, even in the Church, think it enough to say that our one only appeal for the support of every alleged truth of GOD must be to Holy Scripture. Undoubtedly. We are *to teach nothing as necessary to eternal salvation, but that which we are persuaded* may be "concluded and proved by the Scripture." But "*the Scripture*" how interpreted? Surely not every interpretation offered by a partial, ignorant and self-confident expositor is to be accepted as the infallible truth of GOD. Were it so, we must accept the most contradictory propositions and hold them to be equally infallible verities. It is a mistake to suppose, as some do, that orthodox Christians are the only persons who profess to rely on Holy Scripture for the support of their dogmas. They who deny the real and proper divinity of our blessed LORD profess to go by Scripture! The Seventh Day Baptist professes to go by Scripture! The Universalist professes to go by Scripture! The Romanist quotes Scripture for almost every feature of his system. They have their interpretation as we have ours. We maintain, indeed, that from Holy Scripture alone the Truth as held by us is abundantly apparent. But they, from

bias, from education, think differently. Now, my Brethren, must the Truth of GOD be held only as a probable opinion—only as having the prevailing weight of evidence and argument in its favor? And in individual and local controversies, where truth and error stand confronted, is everything to be left dependent upon the skill of the disputants, so that the victory, or the appearance of victory, shall be on the side of the most dexterous advocate? Is there no way of reaching certainty in so vital a matter? Is there no sovereign *arbiter* to whom we may appeal to decide which of these conflicting interpretations is the true one? The answer to these questions has been several times referred to in the observations already made. When we find that every essential feature of our Branch of the Church, its faith, its order, its view of GOD'S grace, is not only supported by the plain literal meaning of Holy Scripture, in most cases by a vast amount of Holy Scripture, but is also in strict accordance with the faith and the practice of the whole early Church, wherever planted, for three three hundred years (we might say much more), when we see *that* we think that, in all reason and judgment, there is an absolute end of all controversy. "The Faith of GOD standeth sure." It is not matter of opinion. It is not left to cunning argumentation. By this appeal to the unquestionable facts of primitive faith and practice, the Truth of GOD in Holy Scripture is *effectually protected* from modern false glosses and false interpretations. Every great and vital truth is taken out of the province of mere opinion, and carried over into the domain of absolute fact. There remains not a shadow of uncertainty as to what we are to believe or what we are to do. And this appeal to the Primitive Church is as fatal to the Romanist on the one side, as to the denier of Christ's Divinity on the other; because upon a searching scrutiny we assure ourselves that in the first three hundred years of the Church of Christ, not a speck of Romanism is to be found. Those corruptions came gradually into the Church amid the thickening gloom of later ages.

To all the doubting world we are enabled to say—to the *serious*,

unbiased mind: "Holy Scripture, so far as concerns great leading truths is plain, and if in any of these points you consider the meaning of the written word doubtful, you ought to be satisfied with the assurance (*evident* to all men diligently reading Holy Scripture and ancient authors), that the Truth as received from Holy Scripture by this Church, is the Truth as received from Holy Scripture in the early Church—the best possible evidence that we have truly the mind of Christ."

O that these things were duly understood and appreciated by all the members of our own Church! O that they all adequately comprehended the length and breadth and depth of the everlasting foundation on which the Truth of GOD and the whole order of His Church securely and immovably rest! How steadfast and tranquil they would be amid the perturbations of the daytime and the chimeras of the night! How impossible would it be to turn one of them from the glorious old Faith once for all delivered to the primitive saints, and through them to the Church to be kept to the end of time! How large would be their hearts toward their Brethren and toward all good works! And O that these views of the evidence and of the certainty of the Truth of GOD could be made palpable to all the wavering, beclouded, wandering youth of this land! O that for them the murky darkness and the phantoms of misbelief and unbelief might be forever dispelled, that they might see very near to them the *Holy City of Refuge*, and entering gladly in, reach the end of miserable doubts and the beginning of everlasting repose.

But what is to be inferred from all this? Do we wish to see the Christian Pastor often turning away from the great Central Spiritual Truth of GOD in Christ to engage in polemics, to deal with controversial divinity? Do we wish to see the Pulpit forever occupied in building up the outworks and defences of the Truth, instead of laboring in the power of the Holy Ghost to send that Truth itself home to the hearts and consciences of the hearers. Oh, no! GOD forbid! It is, undoubtedly, the right and the duty of every minister of GOD'S Church to give to the people waiting upon his

ministry a reason for the hope that is in him, and that ought to be in them, to explain the grounds on which the Truth rests. But many discourses exclusively devoted to explicit teaching of that kind are neither necessary nor expedient. The wise, well instructed Christian Pastor will know how to mingle evidence with the most pungent and tender enforcement of the Truth of Christ, how to conduct the instruction of the young, how to converse with his people in private in such a manner that his flock shall be thoroughly indoctrinated, shall be rooted and grounded in the whole Truth of GOD from foundation to top-stone, almost without perceiving or remembering how they came to be so established. He will have been always preaching Christ, but so preaching that while the heart was touched and made better, the convictions and the faith were established on sure foundations.

Or, once again: Do we wish to see our Christian Pastors instilling into the minds of their Christian people unkind, supercilious or scornful feeling towards the members of the religious Bodies around them? Oh, no! A hundred times *No*. GOD of Truth and Love forbid! Through Providential circumstances they are attached to religious organizations which are very defective as compared with the Primitive and Apostolic Church, which is the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. By education and by social influences, they have been prevented from seeing things as we see them, but, in their position, they have "done what they could." Beautiful traits of Christian character often appear among them. The Mercy and Grace of GOD have reached them, and have produced many good fruits in works of piety and charity, for which we bless GOD. There are those among them at whose feet we would be glad to be allowed to sit in the Kingdom of Heaven. These are no good reasons for undervaluing our own superior privileges, or for attempting those false unions, which always involve some sacrifice of principle, some suppression of truth, as they always tend to run into confusion and bitterness. But they *are* reasons for cherishing for the individual Christian Brother feelings of respect and esteem, of warm affection, if there be worth

to command it, and, for making such feelings manifest in every fitting token of kindness and office of love. Personal respect and kindness, in private and in social life, are what is always due from us to a Christian Brother, and they should never be withheld. They are all that can be properly required of us. To call upon us to unite in organized religious services and efforts where there can be no real unity in principle or in ecclesiastical order, is to urge an unreasonable claim, which a just sense of duty and regard for truth will hardly admit of our conceding. No! the greatest exercise of Christian Charity for us is, in private, to be kind to all, and in puolic to proclaim "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," and to live and work in the Spirit of that truth. Are we indeed a Branch of the One Holy Catholic Church! Are we of the same school as the Primitive saints and confessors? Let us prove it by our lives and by our works! O blessed Saviour of the World! O thou adorable LORD and Head of the Church! pour out Thy grace upon us, and cause to spring up among us more abundantly. the glorious fruits of Thy Cross and Thy Passion! Kindle anew in us Thine own Spirit of self-sacrifice and self-devotion! Bring back to us the days when believers were in love with a life of voluntary poverty for Thy sake; when houses and lands were joyfully sold that the price might be devoted to the uses of Thy service; when opulent estates were employed in erecting and endowing Institutions for ministries like Thine own, and when the donors, delicato women, not content with the entire offering of their worldly goods, were seen on their bended knees in those "Houses of Mercy," ministering by day and by night to Thy suffering members! O touch the hearts of our youth, that they may offer themselves willingly for Thy service; that they may esteem it enough to be signed with Thy Cross, and accepted for the ministries of Thine Holy Altar! Draw near to Thyself the Christian men and women whom by Thy Providence Thou hast exempted from domestic cares, bereft of wordly comforts, and fill them with the joys of Thy presence and Thy love, while they live wholly unto Thee in caring for Thy

little ones, in imparting light and knowledge to the ignorant, in seeking out the miserable and afflicted, in raising up the fallen!

Brethren beloved! The day hurries toward the evening. Yet a little while we labor for Christ in the building up of his Kingdom! His work was to succor the miserable, to instruct and save the perishing, to point and lead the way to the Heavenly Rest. Be it yours also.

You assist to-day at the organization of a New Diocese. You stand at the fountain head of a stream which is to flow on for ages. It is a great thing to be present at the beginning of a new agency, which is to grow and develop perhaps for centuries to come! The plans you form, the conceptions you embody in organized effort, are to be followed by those who come after you. Trust to no temporary expedients; to no popular platform excitements for strength to do a great work! Denunciations of error go but a little way toward advancing the Truth. Clamor against the abuses and the pretensions of a stealthy, hard-working Body, contributes little to the building up of a great kingdom capable of standing as a Bulwark of the Truth. *Positive teaching* and *positive work*, *organized work*, *systematic work*, *permanent institutions*, *associated labor*, on a principle of absolute self-consecration for Christ's sake, in a Body having *corporate* life, capable of large extension and wide ramifications, fitted for all works of piety and charity, among others, for Christian education on sound principles; these *means* steadily and faithfully employed in humble dependence upon the assistance of the Blessed Spirit, in pure, loving devotion to our dear LORD and Saviour, will make you and your Church so strong in the LORD and in the power of His might, that "the gates of Hell shall never prevail" against you.

My dear Brethren, that portion of the Church which you are to-day to organize as a new Diocese, has had in one respect a somewhat remarkable history. Within the geographical limits of your Diocese, five Presbyters have been selected in the space of twenty-four years, for elevation to the Episcopal office, while two others who had previously labored in this District have, in like

manner been advanced, making seven in all. Nothing resembling this has occurred in any other portion of our country, including the same number of clergy.

Two out of these seven Bishops were young men to be designated for that weighty office. One of them, the Bishop of Montana had only just reached the canonical age, when he was summoned to prepare for consecration. I believe the whole Church has rarely been more entirely united in regard to the eminent fitness of a choice than it was in his case. The other, the Bishop of Missouri, recently consecrated, had of necessity, like the Bishop of Montana, been but little known except in his own immediate region. He had a few more years over his head, and those who knew him as I had had the happiness of knowing him, knew that with GOD'S blessing he would abundantly vindicate the choice of the Diocese that elected him. He is beginning to do so already. His first sermon, foreshadowing Church work, made a profound impression in St. Louis. Clergy and Laity came forward to pledge their support and co-operation in the work of the Diocese, and in the interior he is awakening a deep interest!

Now, of course, no one needs to be told that the Church is by no means going to change her policy of ages, the policy, I mean, of looking as a general thing to Presbyters of middle age, for well tried and well trained Laborers, meet to be elevated to the Episcopal office. Yet, when Divine Providence shall seem to point to a faithful servant of Christ who is somewhat younger, though of full canonical age, as a person of peculiar qualifications for a peculiar work, we may be sure that the Church will no more refuse in the future than she has refused in the past, to call such an one to the forefront of her great warfare. And one more word we think we ought to add. When an independent Diocese shall have made choice of a Presbyter to be its Bishop who is several years past the canonical age, and already distinguished for devotion, for successful work and for intellectual ability, the Church at large will never in the future, any more than it has done in the past, refuse to confirm the choice of such a Diocese without a clear, fatal reason.

Such, Beloved, are some of the antecedents of your new Diocese. May you emulate those who have gone before you, and raise up holy men for the work of Christ, superior to them in the graces of the Spirit, superior in force of intellect, in energy and in wisdom. Is it too much to hope, dear Brethren, that you will live and work together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace? If only you may be made by the Spirit of grace all one in Christ Jesus, a holy, loving Brotherhood, helping on each other's works, dealing tenderly with each other's infirmities, striving together with one mind and one heart for the Truth of the Gospel, how mightly your power will be increased for good! GOD in His great mercy grant it! And may He by His blessed Spirit guide your choice to a good man, a man full of faith and love and of the Holy Ghost, to be a Chief Pastor over you! May that Pastor's love for you and your love for him be even more tender, more devoted than the love which has made our communings together so sweet and so pleasant. My spirit will be always with you. My prayers will follow you; and no greater boon, no dearer service of love, can your former Bishop entreat of you, than that you will fervently pray for him, that he may be enlightened and sanctified and strengthened for every duty and trial, that his errors and shortcomings may be pardoned for Christ's sake, and, that at last, his soul washed in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world, may find place among the humblest of the accepted servants of GOD. May we meet to renew and to continue forever our thanksgivings and praises in that glorious Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens! Amen.

APPENDIX.

Appendix I.

NOTE.—The following is a List of Churches of the Diocese of Albany. The dates appended are of the admission of certain Churches into union with the Convention of the Diocese of New York. It is to be observed that such dates are not always those of the origin or incorporation of such Parishes.

A. Parishes marked A existed under Royal Charter or otherwise, before the first Convention of the Diocese of New York.

B. Parishes marked B seem to have been admitted by the Conventions in which they respectively appeared by their delegates, although mention of the admission seems to have been omitted by the Journal.

* An Asterisk (*) denotes Churches not in union with the Convention of the Diocese of Albany.

LIST OF CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Admitted.
Albany	Albany	Grace	1846 1
		Holy Innocents	1850 2
		St. Paul's	1829 3
		St. Peter's	1787 A 4
		Trinity	1840 5
	Cohoes	St. John's	1831 6
	Green Island	St. Mark's	7
	Rensselaerville	Trinity	1811 8
	South Westerlo	Emmanuel	1855 9
	West Troy	Trinity	1834 10
Clinton	Centreville	St. Paul's	1855 11
	Champlain	St. John's	1853 12
	Ellenburgh	St. Peter's	1855 13
	Plattsburgh	Trinity	1830 14
	Rouse's Point	Christ	1853 15
Columbia	Claverack	Trinity	1856 16
	*Clermont	*St. Luke's	17
	Copake	St. John's	1853 18
	Hudson	Christ	1794 B 19
	Kinderhook	St. Paul's	1851 20
	Stockport	St. John's	1845 21

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Admitted.
Delaware	Bloomfield	Grace	1854
	Delhi	St. John's	1819
	*Deposit	*Christ	
	Franklin	St. Paul's	1866
	Hobart	St. Peter's	B
	Walton	Christ	1831
Essex	*Boquet	*St. John's Chapel	
	Essex	St. John's	1853
	Keeseville	St. Paul's	1853
	Ticonderoga	Of the Cross	1840
Franklin	*Brush's Mills	*St. Peter's	
	Malone	St. Mark's	1831
Fulton	Johnstown	St. John's	1796 A
	Northampton	Redeemer	1861
Greene	Athens	Trinity	1806
	Cairo	Calvary	1832
	Catskill	St. Luke's	1802
	Coxsackie	Christ	1806
	Greenville	Christ	1825
	Oakhill	St. Paul's	1816
	Prattsville	Grace	1844
	Windham	Trinity	1826 B
Herkimer	Fairfield	Trinity	1807
	Herkimer	Christ	1854
	Little Falls	Emmanuel	1823
	Norway	Grace	1819
Montgomery	Amsterdam	St. Ann's	1831 B
	Canajoharie	St. Polycarp's	1852
	Fonda	Zion	1867
Otsego	Butternuts	Christ	1834
	Cherry Valley	Grace	1846
	Cooperstown	Christ	1812
	Exeter	St. John's	1833 B
	Garrettsville	St. Mark's	1843
	Morris	Zion	1803 B
	Otego	Immanuel	1836
	Portlandville	St. John's	
	Richfield	St. Luke's	1803 B
	Richfield Springs	St. John's	1850
	Unadilla	St. Matthew's	1810
	West Burlington	Christ	
	Westford	St. Timothy's	1839
Rensselaer	Greenbush	Messiah	1853
	Hoosac Falls	St. Mark's	1840
	Lansingburgh	Trinity	1807 B
	Schaghticoke	Trinity	1846
	Troy	Christ	1837
		*Holy Cross	
		St. John's	1831
		St. Luke's	1867
		St. Paul's	1807 B
Saratoga	Ballston Spa	Christ	1787
	Burnt Hills	Calvary	1850
	Charlton	St. Paul's	1805 B
	Mechanicsville	St. Luke's	1830 B
	Saratoga Springs	Bethesda	1830
	Schuylerville	St. Stephen's	1846
	Stillwater	St. John's	1796

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Admitted.
aratoga	Waterford	Grace	1810
	West Charlton	St. Mary's	1820
chenectady	Duanesburgh	Christ	1739
	Schenectady	Christ	
		St. George's	1792 B
Schoharie	Middleburgh	St. Luke's	
	Schoharie	St. Andrew's	1855
	*Sharon Springs	*Trinity Chapel	
St. Lawrence	Canton	Grace	1836
	*Gouverneur	*Trinity	
	*Lisbon	*St. Luke's	
	Morristown	Christ	1823
	Norfolk	Grace	1826
	Ogdensburgh	St. John's	1820
	Potsdam	Trinity	1835
	Waddington	St. Paul's	1824
Warren	Caldwell	St. James'	1855
	Chester (Pottersville)	Christ	1845
	Glen's Falls	Messiah	1840
	Luzerne	St. Mary's	1867
	Warrensburgh	Holy Cross	1865
Washington	Cambridge	St. Luke's	1867
	Fort Edward	St. James'	1845
	Granville	Trinity	1815
	Hampton	Christ	1813 B
	Salem	St. Paul's	1860
	Sandy Hill	Zion	1818
	Whitehall	St. Paul's	1838
		Trinity	1866

Appendix II.

A Summary of the Number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Burials, and of the Amount of Offerings of the Churches and Chapels now of the Diocese of Albany, as Reported to the Bishop at the Convention of the Diocese of New York, September 30, 1868.

Churches and Chapels.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Offerings.
Albany County.						
Albany, Grace	34	22	160	8	17	$2,257 03
Holy Innocents	34	12	100	4	16	3,632 46
St. Paul's	38	25	305	8	25	9,894 82
St. Peter's	37	49	387	12	17	15,196 80
Trinity	35	13	123	19	35	8,014 89
Cohoes, St. John's	72	59	206	7	27	3,612 86
Rensselaerville, Trinity	2	....	50	1	....	91 27
South Westerlo, Emmanuel	....	....	....	..	....	.....
West Troy, Trinity	38	14	142	8	21	3,599 32
Green Island, St. Mark's	33	32	47	4	6	2,261 67
Total	323	226	1,520	71	164	$48,561 12
Clinton County.						
Centreville, St. Paul's	2	....	14	..	....	.....
Champlain, St. John's	2	....	45	1	3	$391 00
Ellenburgh, St. Peter's	2	....	12	..	....	.....
Plattsburgh, Trinity	31	36	168	5	11	602 00
Rouse's Point, Christ	23	....	113	10	12	1,483 22
Total	60	36	352	16	26	$2,476 22
Columbia County.						
Claverack, Trinity	5	4	22	2	3	$92 25
Clermont, St. Luke's	1	....	23	..	1	301 78
Copake, St. John's	9	....	20	..	....	516 37
Hudson, Christ	34	58	....	12	17	2,186 91
Kinderhook, St. Paul's	3	....	35	1	....	1,009 19
Stockport, St. John the Evangelist's,	14	...	74	6	14	2,300 95
Total	66	62	174	21	35	$6,407 45

Churches and Chapels.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Offerings.
DELAWARE COUNTY.						
Bloomfield, Grace	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Delhi, St. John's	6	....	115	5	4	$506 37
Franklin, St. Paul's	12	8	82	2	1	1,831 48
Hobart, St. Peter's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Walton, Christ	4	....	63	3	3	215 36
Deposit, Christ	....	22	25	..	....	20 00
Total	22	30	285	10	8	$2,573 21
ESSEX COUNTY.						
Boquet, St. John's Chapel	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Essex, St. John's	2	....	53	..	1	$69 53
Keeseville, St. Paul's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Ticonderoga, Church of the Cross	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Total	2	....	53	..	1	$69 53
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Brush's Mills, St. Peter's	....	....	5	..	....	.....
Malone, St. Mark's	23	17	162	6	7	$1,329 09
Total	23	17	167	6	7	$1,329 09
FULTON COUNTY.						
Johnstown, St. John's	22	....	136	4	12	$471 10
Northampton, Redeemer	8	....	33	2	4	40 82
Total	30	....	169	6	16	$511 92
GREENE COUNTY.						
Athens, Trinity	7	19	110	1	7	$280 65
Cairo, Calvary	....	....	45	..	3	145 57
Catskill, St. Luke's	16	11	180	2	8	908 14
Coxsackie, Christ	1	3	41	1	1	71 24
Greenville, Christ	....	....	16	2	2	5 00
Oak Hill, St. Paul's	....	....	45	..	4	154 00
Prattsville, Grace	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Windham, Trinity	7	....	46	1	6	1,765 00
Total	31	33	483	7	31	$3,329 60
HERKIMER COUNTY.						
Fairfield, Trinity	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Herkimer, Christ	5	....	46	4	17	$496 50
Little Falls, Emmanuel	29	2	114	11	4	5,280 72
Norway, Grace	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Total	34	2	160	15	21	$5,777 22

Churches and Chapels.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Offerings.
Montgomery County.						
Amsterdam, St. Ann's	14	....	60	8	6	$215 05
Canajoharie, St. Polycarp's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Fonda, Zion	9	....	21	1	2	.....
Total	23	....	81	9	8	$215 05
Otsego County.						
Butternuts, Christ	14	17	74	2	2	$111 68
Cherry Valley, Grace	9	....	92	2	3	1,266 25
Cooperstown, Christ	24	36	170	7	10	3,612 12
*Exeter, St. John's	4	....	30	..	7	23 00
Garrettsville, St. Mark's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Monticello, St. Luke's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Morris, Zion	13	30	264	8	13	1,218 88
Oneonta Mission	....	5	13	..	....	.....
Otego, Immanuel	21	20	48	..	....	731 28
Portlandville, St. John's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Richfield, St. Luke's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Richfield Springs, St. John's	3	....	20	2	5	322 00
Unadilla, St. Matthew's	6	....	94	6	4	167 54
Westford, St. Timothy's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
West Burlington, Christ	4	9	30	..	....	17 25
Total	98	117	835	27	44	$7,470 00
Rensselaer County.						
Greenbush, Messiah	6	....	26	..	3	$445 95
Hoosac Falls, St. Mark's	11	13	60	3	4	1,125 20
Hoosac, Chapel	....	....	....	..	....	1,570 86
Lansingburgh, Trinity	20	....	125	2	10	1,435 91
Schaghticoke, Trinity	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Troy, Christ	17	9	130	6	11	1,843 38
Holy Cross	....	....	....	..	....	.....
St. John's	37	17	306	5	5	4,778 15
St. Paul's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
St. Luke's	27	12	80	5	13	267 00
Total	138	51	727	21	46	$11,466 45
Saratoga County.						
Ballston Spa, Christ	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Burnt Hills, Calvary	3	....	65	4	6	$112 70
Charlton, St. Paul's	6	....	68	1	4	806 50
Mechanicsville, St. Luke's	4	....	34	2	2	209 04
Saratoga Springs, Bethesda	26	15	256	11	28	7,119 67
Schuylerville, St. Stephen's	....	7	....	..	....	155 44
Stillwater, St. John's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Waterford, Grace	25	16	109	6	17	441 49
West Charlton, St. Mary's	....	....	....	..	....	.....
Total	64	38	532	24	57	$8,844 84

* In these numbers are included the statistics for St. Luke's, Richfield.

Churches and Chapels.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Offerings.
SCHENECTADY COUNTY.						
Duanesburgh, Christ	10	14	66	3	3	$129 81
Schenectady, St. George's	47	54	240	14	23	5,154 31
Total	57	68	306	17	26	$5,284 12
SCHOHARIE COUNTY.						
Schoharie, St. Andrew's	1	....	3	..	..	$11 52
Sharon Springs, Trinity Chapel	8	....	30	1	2	1,707 94
Middleburgh, St. Luke's	....	....	....	..	..	141 78
Total	9	....	33	1	2	$1,861 24
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.						
Canton, Grace	24	11	85	4	6	.....
Gouverneur, Trinity	32	18	40	5	5	$1,374 23
Lisbon, St. Luke's	1	....	26	..	..	2,800 00
Morristown, Christ	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Norfolk, Grace	9	....	27	2	10	.....
Ogdensburgh, St. John's	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Potsdam, Trinity	6	12	82	12	5	1,688 53
Waddington, St. Paul's	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Total	72	41	260	21	18	$5,872 76
WARREN COUNTY.						
Caldwell, St. James'	5	....	15	..	2	$1,868 08
Pottersville, Christ	2	....	....	..	2	15 95
Glen's Falls, Messiah	16	11	85	2	4	1,098 14
Luzerne, St. Mary's	2	1	6	..	..	206 03
Warrensburgh, Holy Cross	20	6	26	2	..	989 72
Total	45	18	132	4	8	$4,177 92
WASHINGTON COUNTY.						
Cambridge, St. Luke's	14	22	23	..	1	$114 75
Fort Edward, St. James'	11	24	131	6	3	907 86
Granville, Trinity	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Hampton, Christ	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Salem, St. Paul's	7	....	31	5	5	506 04
Sandy Hill, Zion	8	10	102	2	5	677 48
Whitehall, Trinity	....	....	....	..	..	.....
Total	40	56	287	13	14	$2,206 13
Total for 75 Churches reported,	1,137	795	6,561	289	532	$118,433 87

Appendix III.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE.

The Primary Convention.

The Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., *President*,
The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Cohoes, *Secretary*,
The Rev. Robert Weeks, Catskill, *Assistant Secretary*,
John H. Van Antwerp, Esq., Albany, *Treasurer*.

The Standing Committee.

Clerical.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D. D., Troy,
The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D., Sandy Hill,
The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Cohoes,
The Rev. J. Livingston Reese, Albany.

Lay.

Orlando Meads, Esq., Albany,
The Hon. James Roy, West Troy,
Mr. Thomas A. Tillinghast, Troy,
Robert B. Monell, Esq., Hudson.

The Missionary Committee.

Clerical.

The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Cohoes,
The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, Saratoga Springs,
The Rev. George H. Walsh, Troy,
The Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, Morris.
The Rev. E. S. Widdemer, Troy,

Lay.

Mr. Norman B. Squires, Troy,
The Hon. Lyman Tremain, Albany,
The Hon. U. Gilbert, Troy,
The Hon. James Gibson, Salem,
Col. B. F. Baker, Ballston Spa.

The Deputies to General Convention.

Clerical.

The Rev. Wm. Payne, D. D., Schenectady,
The Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D. D., Troy,
The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, Saratoga Springs,
The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, Cooperstown.

Lay.

Orlando Meads, Esq., Albany,
The Hon. Jonas C. Heartt, Troy,
The Hon. James Forsyth, Troy,
Mr G. Pomeroy Keese, Cooperstown.

The Provisional Deputies.

Clerical.

The Rev. R. T. S. Lowell, D. D., Duanesburgh,
The Rev. Wm. R. Johnson, D. D., Hudson,
The Rev. George H. Walsh, Troy.

Lay.

R. H. Cushney, Esq., Fonda,
Mr. Geo. B. Warren, Troy,
The Hon. Samuel Nelson, Cooperstown,
The Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, Albany.

The Deputies to the Federate Council.

Clerical.

The Rev. William Payne, D. D., Schenectady,
The Rev. William R. Johnson, Hudson,
The Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D. D., Troy,
The Rev. John S. Kidney, Potsdam,
The Rev. R. T. S. Lowell, D. D., Duanesburgh,
The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, Cooperstown,
The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, Saratoga Springs,
The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Rouse's Point.

Lay.

Orlando Meads, Esq., Albany,
The Hon. James Forsyth, Troy,
Mr. Nathan B. Warren, Troy,
Mr. William N. Chadwick, Cohoes,
Mr. Geo. Pomeroy Keese, Cooperstown,
F. James Fitch, Esq., Catskill,
The Hon. James Roy, West Troy,
Richard H. Cushney, Esq., Fonda.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE.

WM. H. DE WITT, Esq., Albany,
H. PUMPELLY, Esq., Albany,
J. H. VAN ANTWERP, Esq., Albany,
The Hon. JAMES FORSYTH, Troy,
The Hon. JONAS C. HEARTT, Troy.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

Clerical.

The Right Rev. the BISHOP of the Diocese, *Chairman*,
The Rev. T. W. COIT, D. D., LL. D., Troy,
The Rev. D. H. BUEL, Cooperstown.

Lay.

The Hon. N. S. BENTON, Little Falls,
The Hon. F. N. MANN, Troy.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE SALARY OF THE BISHOP.

Clerical.

The Rev. J. B. GIBSON, Saratoga Springs,
The Rev. J. H. HOBART BROWN, Cohoes.

Lay.

The Hon. JAMES ROY, West Troy,
H. PUMPELLY, Esq., Albany,
The Hon. J. V. L. PRUYN, Albany,
Mr. FRANK STOTTS, Stockport.
Mr. STEPHEN E. WARREN, Troy.
Mr. J. J. TILLINGHAST, Troy.
Mr. ERASTUS CORNING, JR., Albany.

Appendix IV.

THE CONSECRATION

OF THE

BISHOP OF ALBANY,

ON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1869,

The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NOTE.—The Secretary of the Convention has thought it right to yield to the suggestions conveyed in the subjoined resolutions, and to append an account of the Consecration of the Bishop as a portion of the permanent records of the Diocese of Albany. He regrets to say that the Bishop of New Jersey has declined to permit the Consecration sermon to be published.

At a meeting of the Clergy present at the Consecration of the Bishop of Albany, held in St. Peter's Rectory after the conclusion of the services, the Bishop was called to the Chair, and the Rev. John Townsend was appointed Secretary.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with great satisfaction the sermon delivered this morning by the Bishop of New Jersey. Wishing to have the sermon in some permanent form, not only for its intrinsic worth as a clear enunciation of catholic truths in regard to the sacred ministry, but as a fit memorial of the Consecration of the First Bishop of this Diocese; and also desiring to afford our absent brethren the privilege of reading the words which we have been so happy as to hear, we respectfully request the Bishop of New Jersey to furnish us with a copy of his well-timed and able sermon for publication.

Resolved, That the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Brown and Orlando Meads, Esq., be a Committee to convey these resolutions to the Right Reverend the Bishop of New Jersey.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be requested to publish the sermon, with an account of the Consecration of our Bishop, in an appendix to the Journal of the Primary Convention.

JOHN TOWNSEND, *Secretary*.

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION, 1869.

THE CONSECRATION.

The Primary Convention having instructed the Standing Committee to take all the steps necessary for the Consecration of the Rev. William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese, the Standing Committee at their first meeting directed their President and Secretary to make the proper communications to the Standing Committees of the Church in the United States, and to the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, and appointed the Secretary and Messrs. James Roy and O. Meads the Committee of Arrangements for the Consecration.

The officers named immediately issued the following Circular to the Standing Committees of all the Dioceses:

DIOCESE OF ALBANY, STANDING COMMITTEE,
ALBANY, *December* 10, 1868.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of

By appointment of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany, we herewith communicate to you the desire of the Church in this Diocese for the Consecration of the Reverend William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, as a Bishop in the Church of CHRIST; together with evidence of his election by the Primary Convention, and copies of the Canonical Testimonies, and ask your consent to his Consecration, as required by Section III, Canon 13, Title I, of the General Convention.

We request your early action, and that you will communicate with the Secretary, at Cohoes.

T. W. COIT, *President.*
J. H. HOBART BROWN, *Secretary.*

On the fifth of January the same officers were able to inform the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops that a majority of the Standing Committees had consented to the Consecration of the Bishop elect.

On the twenty-fifth of January the Presiding Bishop notified the Standing Committee that a major number of the Bishops had consented to the Consecration of the Rev. William Crosswell Doane, S. T. D., as a Bishop in the Church of GOD. The Presiding Bishop also designated St. Peter's Church, Albany, as the place, and February the second as the time of the Consecration; and appointed the Right Reverend the Bishop of New York as the Consecrator; the Right Reverend the Bishop of New Jersey as the Preacher; and the Right Reverend the Bishop of Maine and the Right Reverend the Bishop of Long Island as the Presenters.

On Tuesday, February the second, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, a large number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at the Rectory of St. Peter's Church.

The procession was formed in the following order: Vestrymen of Churche the Diocese; the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Albany; Lay members of Stand Committees; Lay members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Alba the Clergy of the Diocese of Albany; the Clergy of other Dioceses; Clerical m bers of Standing Committees; officiating Clergymen; the Bishop elect and atte ant Presbyters; the Bishops.

About one hundred and thirty Clergymen were present in surplices.

The following is as full a list as can now be procured of the names of the Cle who were present:

DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

Rev. W. S. Boardman,
S. B. Bostwick, D. D.,
J. H. Hobart Brown,
D. H. Buel,
Joseph Carey,
Edgar T. Chapman,
Lewis P. Clover, D. D.,
Thomas W. Coit, D. D., LL. D.,
W. H. Cook,
A. Danker, jr.,
H. M. Davis,
G. C. V. Eastman,
G. W. Ferguson,
George Fisher,
J. I. Forbes,
J. B. Gibson,
Byron J. Hall,
John H. Hopkins, jr.,
R. T. Howard,
W. O. Jarvis,
J. Everett Johnson,
W. Ross Johnson,
J. Steinfort Kidney,
Lewis H. Lighthipe,
F. N. Luson,
J. B. Murray,
Rev. G. L. Neide,
Wm. M. Ogden,
Wm. Payne, D. D.,
Edward Pidsley,
John F. Potter,
Henry H. Prout,
J. Livingston Reese,
W. S. Rowe,
Nelson S. Rulison,
Edwin B. Russell,
David L. Schwartz,
Edward Selkirk,
Edwin Slade,
Henry Stanley,
A. F. Steele,
Charles L. Sykes,
Porter Thomas,
John Townsend,
J. Ireland Tucker, D. D.,
Francis C. Wainwright,
George H. Walsh,
Robert Washbon,
Robert Weeks,
Elias Weil,
Ephraim S. Widdemer,
Hermon G. Wood,
Rev. W. T. Boone.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.

Rev. Clarence Buel,
P. K. Cady, D. D.,
W. H. Cooke,
R. F. Crary,
Morgan Dix, D. D.,
Thomas Gallaudet, D. D.,
J. L. Gay,
G. J. Geer, D. D.,
Francis Harison,
George B. Hobson.
C. F. Hoffman,
Rev. R. S. Howland, D. D.,
S. R. Johnson, D. D.,
W. N. McVickar,
H. H. Oberly,
G. L. Platt,
R. B. Post,
Thomas W. Punnett,
Sylvanus Reed,
J. W. Shackelford,
S. H. Synnot,
M. M. Wells,
Rev. S. H. Weston, D. D.

Diocese of Long Island.

Rev. R. S. Adams,
E. Cooper,
C. B. Ellsworth,
Rev. E. A. Hoffman, D. D.,
Ferris Tripp,
R. B. Van Kleeck, D. D.,
Rev. W. B. Walker.

Diocese of Central New York.

Rev. W. Ayrault, D. D.,
H. L. M. Clarke,
S. H. Coxe, D. D.,
Rev. W. T. Gibson, D. D.,
E. W. Hager,
A. P. Smith.

Diocese of Western New York.

Rev. S. S. Lewis,
Rev. George C. Pennell.

Diocese of New Jersey.

Rev. Horace S. Bishop,
F. D. Canfield,
W. G. Farrington,
J. S. B. Hodges, D. D.,
P. L. Jaques,
W. Allen Johnson,
R. N. Merritt,
Rev. Stevens Parker,
S. P. Simpson,
E. K. Smith,
J. H. Smith,
Alfred Stubbs, D. D.,
J. N. Stansbury,
J. A. Upjohn.

Diocese of Connecticut.

Rev. H. T. Gregory,
H. W. Nelson,
Rev. E. M. Pecke,
William Tatlock.

Diocese of Massachusetts.

Rev. Theodore Edson, D. D.,
F. D. Huntington, D. D.,
Pelham Williams,
Rev. C. F. Knight,
E. M. P. Wells, D. D.,
E. L. Wells.

Diocese of Vermont.

Rev. C. S. Hale,
Rev. J. M. Peck.

Diocese of Maryland.

Rev. C. M. Parkman.

Diocese of Pittsburg.

Rev. John Scarborough.

Diocese of Michigan.

Rev. J. J. McCook.

Diocese of Georgia.

Rev. W. H. Harison.

The Right Reverend Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Bishop of New York.
The Right Reverend W. H. Odenheimer, D. D., Bishop of New Jersey.
The Right Reverend Henry A. Neely, D. D., Bishop of Maine.
The Right Reverend C. F. Robertson, D. D., Bishop of Missouri.
The Right Reverend A. N. Littlejohn, D. D., Bishop of Long Island.

As the procession of Clergy and Laity were entering the Church, the following Hymn was sung:

HYMN 220.—(Hymns Ancient and Modern.)

Thou, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring
On Thy redeeming wing
Healing and light;
Health to the sick in mind,
Light to the inly blind,
Oh, now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Spreading the beams of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Blessed and Holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Grace, Love and Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light! Amen.

On reaching the chancel steps, the files of the procession were opened to permit the Bishops and officiating Clergy to pass through to their appointed places.

The Morning Prayer was begun by the Rev. Morgan Dix, D. D., of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York.

The First Lesson, Isaiah xxxv, was read by the Rev. Eugene A. Hoffman, D. D., of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Long Island.

The Second Lesson, St. Luke ii, 22, was read by the Rev. R. N. Merritt, of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Creed and Collects were said by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Central New York.

The Venite, Te Deum and Benedictus were chanted antiphonally.

The Introit, the sixth verse of Psalm cxxii, "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee," was sung by the Rev. W. H. Cooke, the Rev. J. N. Shackelford and the Rev. E. M. Pecke.

The Communion service was begun by the Bishop of New York

The Epistle was read by the Bishop of Long Island.

The Gospel was read by the Bishop of Missouri.

After the Gospel, the following Hymn was sung:

HYMN 209.—(Prayer Book.)

Thou art the Way; to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

Thou art the Truth; Thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst improve the mind
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm,
And those who put their trust in Thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.
Amen.

The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of New Jersey, from Rev. i, 17, 18—"And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me: Fear not; I am the first and I am the last: I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forever more, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

In concluding, the Right Reverend preacher thus addressed the Bishop elect:

"*My well-beloved brother*, elected to be the first Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, I welcome you, with all my heart, to the dignity and the duties of the Christian Episcopate, as I have aimed to interpret them, out of the infallible Rule of Faith, the Bible. He, the Lord Jesus Christ, the glorified Head of the Church, has called you to the responsibilities of government in His mystical Body; he bids you 'Fear not,' whilst beckoning you nearer to Himself, even to the unspeakable though perilous exaltation among the stars in His right hand. As the authority of the Episcopate is derived from the fact that it embodies the actings of the ever present Head of the Church, so will it be your privilege and protection to draw closer and closer to Jesus, through the power of the Holy Ghost, by every energy of your personal and official life.

"The office to which you are to be admitted is from Him, for Him, and to Him as its ultimate glory. That this is your own estimate of the duties of spiritual overseership in the Church of GOD, I fully believe, from my personal knowledge of you through a long period of time that reaches back to days and scenes and persons, that crowd upon your heart and mine, as we confront each other on this

solemn occasion. If the veil that hangs between us and the worshippers of the Church in Paradise could this moment be lifted, what loving looks would be turned on you from one, whose place and bearing among the white robed host mark him out as a Priest and King in the Spiritual Kingdom of the Lamb!

"My memory retraces a period of more than a score of years, until it rests on one of the sweetest homes of earth, where first I knew you. Under the eye of your spiritual, as well as natural Father, the second Bishop of New Jersey, your youth ripened into manhood, and from his hands you received the commission to the lower Orders of the sacred Ministry.

"Time passed on, and there was a change. The great-hearted Shepherd who bare pastoral rule in the Diocese of New Jersey for twenty-eight years, rested from his labors; and, in his jurisdiction, in his sweet home, and over his son in Holy Orders was placed, by the will of GOD, your friend, and your father's friend, who now addresses you. It was not fancy, then, but fact which prompted the declaration that from my personal knowledge of you, of your training, and of your ministerial life, I believe that you are prepared to estimate and to fulfil aright the duties, the responsibilities, the absorbing claims of the Christian Episcopate. The son of a Bishop whose labors and writings remain to attest the depth and evangelical richness of his view of the Church and Ministry of Christ; trained amid churchly associations and clerical society from your early youth; discharging with indomitable zeal and love the varied duties of your Presbyterate—as I can testify as once your Bishop—I congratulate the noble Diocese that has called you, so cordially, to be its first Bishop, on the prospect of enduring work for Christ and His Church which their choice foretells. There is no limit to the spiritual work to be done within this ample and well-prepared jurisdiction. The seed which brave-hearted Bishops sowed into the soil of Church hearts when as yet the Diocese of Albany was an integral part of the grand old historic Diocese of New York, will bear fruit under your genial, loving, prudent overseership; and join with that which your own fresh labors will evoke, to the glory of Him who still walks among the golden candlesticks, and still holds the stars in His right hand.

"It is a coincidence that will make itself felt in all your future official life, that the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (which we celebrate to-day), was the day on which you were presented, at the call of GOD and His Church, to be ordained and consecrated a Bishop. It will be a remembrancer, that as the only begotten Son of GOD was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, so you, and all of us, may ever be presented unto GOD with pure and clean hearts. The demands of your high calling on your personal sanctity and self-consecration will come up, year after year, with the recurrence of the Feast of the Purification. But I must warn you, my brother-elect, that there are times when the exercise of the Episcopate, even with all godly care and personal circumspection, and with all the strength which Divine Grace will supply, will tax heavily the body, soul and spirit of a Bishop. You may not expect to escape the burden. You will not refuse to bear the Cross which brings you nearer to the Chief Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep. You will, as a Bishop, sing with a new emphasis that beautiful song of Zion,

"Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
E'en though it be a Cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

"Let the infallible Book of GOD be your constant study, and your supreme authority in Doctrine. Let the Canon Law of the Church be your guide in Worship and in Discipline; turn not to the right hand nor to the left at the flattery or threats of self-will. Let your personal and official action be judicious, tolerant, loving; let the eye of your faith be steadfastly fixed on Him who by His Holy Spirit strengthens and protects you with His right hand; let the end of your conversation, as a man and a Bishop, be Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and forever; and whatever trials and responsibilities may await you, you may humbly take your share in the assurance of the ever-living King of Zion, 'Fear not, I am the first and I am the last. I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.'

"And now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto GOD and His Father: to Him, in the unity of the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

After the Gloria Patri, were sung the first three verses of Selection 106, as follows:

SELECTION 106, FIRST THREE VERSES.—(Prayer Book.)

O, with due reverence let us all
  To God's abode repair;
And, prostrate at His footstool fall'n,
  Pour out our humble prayer.

Arise, O Lord, and now possess
  Thy constant place of rest;
Be that, not only with Thy ark,
  But with Thy presence blest.

Clothe Thou Thy priests with righteousness,
  Make Thou Thy saints rejoice;
And, for Thy servant, David's sake,
  Hear Thy Anointed's voice.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
  The God Whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
  And shall be evermore.
  Amen.

The Bishop elect, vested in his rochet, was then presented by the Bishops of Maine and Long Island to the Right Reverend the Bishop of New York, Presiding Bishop for the service, sitting in his chair near the Holy Table.

The Presiding Bishop having demanded the Testimonials of the Bishop elect, the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Secretary of the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Albany, presented the original Testimony of the Convention; the Rev. T. W. Coit, D. D., President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany, presented the original Consents of the majority of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of the Church in the United States; and the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., presented the certificate of the Right Reverend B. B. Smith, Bishop of Kentucky, Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, that a major number of the Bishops had consented to the Consecration of the Bishop elect of Albany.

The Presiding Bishop having directed these Testimonials to be read, the Rev. Mr. Brown read the Canonical Testimony of the Primary Convention of Albany, as follows:

IN THE NAME OF THE

FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred office of BISHOP should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty GOD, testify that the

REVEREND WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, S. T. D.,

is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion, or for viciousness in life, and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that holy Office. We do, moreover, jointly and severally, declare that we do, in our conscience, believe him to be of such sufficiency in good learning, such soundness in faith, and of such virtuous and pure manners, and godly conversation, that he is apt and meet to exercise the Office of a BISHOP, to the honor of GOD, and the edifying of HIS CHURCH, and to be a wholesome example to the flock of CHRIST.

Dated this third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

J. H. BETTS, Rector of Calvary Church, Ballston, and St. Paul's, Charlton.
SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, D. D., Rector of Zion Church, Sandy Hill, and St. James' Church, Fort Edward.
J. H. HOBART BROWN, Rector of St. John's Church, Cohoes.
D. HILLHOUSE BUEL, Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown.
EDWIN E. BUTLER, Rector of Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls.
NORMAN W. CAMP, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point.
JOSEPH CAREY, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa.
EDGAR T. CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Green Island.
LEWIS P. CLOVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush.
ALBERT DANKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville, and St. John's, Stillwater.
HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Salem.
EDWARD DOLLAWAY, Rector of Trinity Church, Gouverneur.
JOHN DOWNIE, Rector of Trinity Church, Claverack.
GEORGE C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of Church of the Redeemer.
GEORGE W. FERGUSON, Rector of Immanuel Church, Otego.
GEORGE FISHER, Missionary at Schuylerville.
J. BRECKENRIDGE GIBSON, Rector of Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
BYRON J. HALL, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.
J. H. HOPKINS, JR., Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Rouse's P't.
R T. HOWARD, Missionary at Fonda and Gloversville.
J. V. HUGHES, Rector of St. John's, Exeter, and St. Luke's, Richfield.
W. O. JARVIS, Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stockport.
J. E. JOHNSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Athens, and Christ Church, Coxsackie.
WM. ROSS JOHNSON, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia County.
JOHN STEINFORT KIDNEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence County.
LEWIS H. LIGHTHIPE, Rector of Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego Co.
ROBERT LOWELL, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh.
FREDERICK N. LUSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Whitehall.

JOSEPH NEWTON MULFORD, Rector of Christ Church, Troy.
JAS. BYRON MURRAY, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown.
GEO. L. NEIDE, Rector of St. John's Church, Champlain.
W. M. OGDEN, of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh.
WM. PAYNE, Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.
EDWARD PIDSLEY, Rector of Calvary Church, Cairo.
JOHN F. POTTER, Rector of St. James' Church, Caldwell.
EDWIN B. RUSSELL, Rector of Grace Church, Albany.
W. SOMERVILLE RULISON, Rector of Zion Church, Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y.
D. L. SCHWARTZ, Rector of Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., N.Y.
EDWARD SELKIRK, Rector of Trinity Church, Albany.
EDWIN SLADE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, and Missionary in Schoharie County.
HENRY STANLEY, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls.
WM. S. BOARDMAN, Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany.
A. FLORIDUS STEELE, in charge of St. Paul's Chapel, Albany.
ALFRED HOUGHTON STUBBS, Rector of St. John's Church, Portlandville, and St. Thomas', Westford, &c.
PORTER THOMAS, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam.
JOHN TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, West Troy.
ELIAS WEIL, Rector of St. John's Church, Essex, Essex County.
CHARLES ALDIS WENMAN, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cambridge.
E. S. WIDDEMER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy.
ROBERT WASHBON, Rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville.
HERMON GAYLORD WOOD, Rector of Christ Church, Herkimer.
J. IRELAND TUCKER, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy.
J. LIVINGSTON REESE, Rector of St. Paul's, Albany.
WILLIAM S. ROWE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Clermont, Columbia Co.
ROBERT WEEKS, Rector of St. Luke's, Catskill, Greene Co., N. Y.
WM. R. FORD, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.
H. J. WELLS, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.
GEO. W. GIBBONS, Lay Delegate from Grace Church, Albany.
WILLIAM H. DEWITT, Holy Innocents, Albany.
S. W. VAN SANTVOORD, Holy Innocents, Albany.
J. H. VAN ANTWERP, St. Paul's Church, Albany.
JOHN TAYLOR COOPER, St. Peter's Church, Albany.
GEORGE S. WEAVER, St. Peter's Church, Albany.
RICHARD J. STORY, Trinity, Albany.
WILLIAM GRANGER, Trinity, Albany.
W. N. CHADWICK, St. John's, Cohoes.
W. C. BUELL, St. Mark's, Green Island.
JAMES D. FORD, St. Mark's, Green Island.
THOS. R. SMITH, St. Mark's, Green Island.
J. H. MULFORD, Trinity Church, Rensselaerville.
JAMES ROY, Trinity, West Troy.
GEORGE B. FRASER, Trinity, West Troy.
P. V. HAGNER, Trinity, West Troy.
JOHN HIGGINS, Grace Church, Waterford.
HORACE R. PECK, Christ Church, Hudson.
D. FINLEY, St. John's Church, Champlain.
CHARLES H. McNEIL, Trinity, Plattsburgh.
A. HANSOM, M. D., Emmanuel, Little Falls.
G. POMEROY KEESE, Christ Church, Cooperstown.
A. G. MOORE, Zion Church, Morris.
HENRY ROSEBOOM, Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego County.
GIDEON LATHROP, St. John the Evangelist, Stockport, Columbia County.

E. S. HOUGHTON, St. Luke's, Cambridge.
WILLIAM A. JONES, St. Mark's, Malone, Franklin County.
G. W. COOKE, Immanuel, Otego, Otsego County.
JAMES MITCHELL, St. Paul's, Kinderhook.
FRANCIS SYLVESTER, St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook.
HENRY SANFORD, Redeemer, Northampton, Fulton County.
HIRAM W. BURHANS, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
P. PORTER HIGGINS, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
WHEELER K. BOOTH, Christ Church, Ballston Spa.
B. F. BAKER, Christ Church, Ballston Spa.
WILLIAM J. AVERELL, St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh.
BENJ. P. BURHANS, Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh.
FRED. N. BURHANS, Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh.
J. W. FITCH, Church of the Messiah, of Glen's Falls.
A. W. WHITNEY, St. John's Church, Essex, N. Y.
GEORGE WESTON, Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington County.
JAMES GIBSON, St. Paul's, Salem.
NATHAN CLARK, Trinity, Athens.
AMMI DOWS, St. Paul's, Charlton, Saratoga County.
WILLIAM TAYLOR, St. Paul's, Charlton, Saratoga County.
F. B. PARMELE, Church of the Messiah, Greenbush.
GEORGE W. ERNST, Christ Church, Cooperstown.
E. W. PRINDLE, St. John's, Johnstown.
THOMAS A. TILLINGHAST, St. John's Church, Troy.
BENJAMIN M. DUANE, Christ Church, Duanesburgh.
CHARLES B. PINCKNEY, St. Luke's, Catskill.
HIRAM WOOD, St. James' Church, Caldwell.
EDWIN E. DARBY, Calvary Church, Cairo.
WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla.
THOMAS R. WADE, St. James' Church, Fort Edward.
JAMES FORSYTH, St. Paul's Church, Troy.
C. H. BEACH, Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington Co., N. Y.
JOHN H. BAGLEY, JR., St. Luke's, Catskill.
RUSSELL LEONARD, Zion Church, Morris.
CALVIN S. WHEELER, Calvary Church, Ballston.
BENJAMIN C. BUTLER, St. Mary's, Luzerne.
ROBERT EARL, Christ's Church, Herkimer.
SAMUEL W. JACKSON, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
JAMES H. CRAIG, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
ABM. A. VAN VORST, St. George's Church, Schenectady.
R. H. CUSHNEY, Zion Church, of the village of Fonda.
CHARLES W. MOSELY, Christ Church, Troy.
H. L. WASHBURN, Zion Church, of the village of Fonda.
T. STREATFIELD CLARKSON, 2d, Trinity Church, Potsdam.
E. W. FOSTER, Trinity Church, Potsdam.
F. JAMES FITCH, St. Luke's Church, Catskill.
A. B. OLMSTEAD, Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs.
DANIEL L. ALLEN, JR., St. Timothy's Church, Westford.

At the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Albany, held at St. Peter's Church, Albany, December 3d, 1868—after resolution, the above Testimony was signed, in open session, by a Canonical majority of the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

J. H. HOBART BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

Mr. Brown further certified:

DIOCESE OF ALBANY,
ALBANY, *December* 5, 1868.

At a meeting of the Primary Convention of the Diocese of Albany, held at St. Peter's Church, Albany, on the third day of December, A. D., 1868, the Rev. William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Albany, by a Canonical majority of the Clergy and Laity and upon concurrent ballot, was duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Albany.

Attest: J. H. HOBART BROWN,
Secretary of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Coit read the Canonical Form of the Consent of a Standing Committee, as follows:

DIOCESE OF _____

TESTIMONY FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF _____

We, whose names are underwritten, fully sensible how important it is that the sacred Office of a Bishop should not be unworthily conferred, and firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear testimony, on this solemn occasion, without partiality or affection, do, in the presence of Almighty GOD, certify that the

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is not, so far as we are informed, justly liable to evil report, either for error in religion or for viciousness of life; and that we do not know or believe there is any impediment, on account of which he ought not to be consecrated to that Holy Office, but that he hath, as we believe, led his life, for three years last past, piously, soberly, and honestly.

We also hereby give consent to his consecration as Bishop.

_____ 1868.

The above Testimony was duly signed, and consent to Consecration given, by a canonical majority of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of

Attest: _____ *Secretary.*

Dr. Coit testified that he presented consents in form similar to the preceding from the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of New York, Long Island, Central New York, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Connecticut, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pittsburg, Missouri, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Texas, New Jersey, Maryland, Michigan, Maine, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Easton, Indiana, South Carolina, Vermont and North Carolina.*

The Rev. Dr. Bostwick read the following documents:

FRANKFORT, *January* 25, 1869.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Albany:

This is to certify that a majority of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church have consented to the consecration of the Rev. William Crosswell Doane, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Albany.

B. B. SMITH,
Presiding Bishop.

* Since the Consecration the consents have been received of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Nebraska and Delaware.

BISHOPS (BY THE NAMES OF THEIR DIOCESES) CONSENTING TO THE CONSECRATION OF THE REV. DR. DOANE, BISHOP ELECT OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

The Bishop of Indiana.
The Bishop of Missouri.
The Bishop of Illinois.
The Bishop of New York.
The Bishop of Maryland.
The Bishop of Louisiana.
The Missionary Bishop of Oregon.
The Bishop of Michigan.
The Bishop of New Jersey.
The Bishop of Connecticut.
The Bishop of Mississippi.
The Bishop of Maine.
The Bishop of Alabama.
The Assistant Bishop of Indiana.
The Bishop of Minnesota.
The Missionary Bishop of Nebraska.
The Bishop of Georgia.
The Bishop of New Hampshire.
The Missionary Bishop of Arkansas.
The Bishop of Tennessee.
The Bishop of Pittsburg.
The Bishop of Wisconsin.
The Bishop of Virginia.
The Bishop of North Carolina.
The Bishop of Rhode Island.*

A true copy from the files of this office.

Attest: B. B. SMITH,
Presiding Bishop.

On the requirement of the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop elect took the Oath of Conformity:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, William Croswell Doane, chosen Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Albany, do promise conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. So help me GOD, through Jesus Christ.

The Litany was then said by the Bishop of Long Island.

The Presiding Bishop having examined the Bishop elect, the Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D. D., and the Rev. William Payne, D. D., vested the Bishop elect with the rest of the Episcopal habit.

The Bishop elect kneeling down, the Veni Creator Spiritus was sung over him, the Bishop of Maine leading, the Bishops and Clergy answering by verses, as follows:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

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* Since the Consecration the consents have been received of the Bishops of Florida, Vermont, Texas, the Missionary Bishop of Montana, and the Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin.

Thy blessed unction from above,
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light,
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of both, to be but One.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song:
Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

After prayer, the Right Reverend the Bishop of New York, Presiding Bishop, and the other Bishops present—the Right Reverend the Bishop of New Jersey, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Maine, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Missouri, and the Right Reverend the Bishop of Long Island—laid their hands upon the head of the elected Bishop kneeling before them, the Bishop of New York saying:

"Receive the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of GOD, now committed unto thee by the Imposition of our hands; in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, Amen. And remember that thou stir up the grace of GOD which is given thee by this Imposition of our hands; for GOD hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and soberness."

The Presiding Bishop then delivered the Bible to the newly consecrated Bishop. As the latter entered the chancel, the following Hymn was sung:

HYMN 145.—(Hymns Ancient and Modern.)

FULL. The strain upraise of joy and praise: Alleluia.
To the glory of their King,
Shall the ransomed people sing: Alleluia.

DEC. And the choirs that dwell on high
Shall re-echo through the sky, Alleluia.

CAN. They in the rest of Paradise who dwell,
The blessed ones, with joy the chorus swell, Alleluia.

DEC. This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord Almighty loves, Alleluia.

CAN. This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ the King approves, Alleluia.

DEC. Therefore we sing, both heart and voice awaking, Alleluia.

CAN. And children's voices echo, answer making, Alleluia.

FULL. Now from all men be outpoured
Alleluia to the Lord:
With Alleluia evermore,
The Son and Spirit we adore:
Praise to be done to the Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

The Offertory Sentences were read by the Bishop of Maine.

An Anthem from II Corinthians, v, 20: "Now, then, we are ambassad Christ," was sung by the Rev. Dr. Hodges and the Rev. Messrs. Coo Shackelford.

The Prayer for Christ's Church Militant was said by the Bishop of Maine

The Exhortation was read by the Bishop of Long Island.

The Confession was said by the Bishop of Missouri, who also read the C able Words, the Bishop of Maine leading in the Ter Sanctus.

The Absolution and Prayer of Humble Access were said by the Celebr Bishop of New York.

After the Consecration of the Elements, the following Hymn was sung:

HYMN 135.—(Hymns Ancient and Modern.)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
  Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty;
  God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee,
  Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,
  Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
  Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art Holy; there is none beside Thee
  Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
  All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty;
  God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity!
Amen.

The LORD'S Prayer and Thanksgiving were said by the Bishop of New

The Gloria in Excelsis was sung to the old chant.

The Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of New York.

The procession of the Clergy and Laity was then formed as before, and Church during the singing of the following Hymn:

HYMN 257.—(Hymns Ancient and Modern.)

The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
The Apostles' glory, let us sing;
And all, with hearts of gladness, raise
Due hymns of thankful love and praise.

For they the Church's princes are,
Triumphant leaders in the war;
In heavenly courts, a warrior band,
True lights, to lighten every land.

Theirs is the steadfast faith of saints,
And hope that never yields nor faints,
And ove of Christ in perfect glow,
That lays the prince of this world low.

In them, the Father's glory shone,
In them, the will of God the Son,
In them exults the Holy Ghost,
Through them rejoice the heavenly host.

To Thee, Redeemer, now we cry,
That Thou wouldst join to them on high
Thy servants who this grace implore,
For ever and for ever more.
Amen.

The alms at the Offertory, amounting to about five hundred dollars, were devoted to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

Letter of Consecration.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

To all the Faithful of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church throughout the world, greeting:

Be it known unto you that we, Horatio Potter, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L., Oxon, by the grace of GOD Bishop of New York, assisted by the Right Reverend William Henry Odenheimer, D. D., Bishop of New Jersey, and the Right Reverend Henry Adams Neely, D. D., Bishop of Maine; as also by the Right Reverend Charles Franklin Robertson, D. D., Bishop of Missouri, and the Right Reverend Abram Newkirk Littlejohn, D. D., Bishop of Long Island, under the protection of Almighty GOD, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, in the State of New York, on the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, commonly called the Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin, being the Tuesday after Sexagesima Sunday, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, did then and there, in the presence of a congregation of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Albany and of many other Dioceses, according to the due and prescribed order of the Church in the United States of America, and in conformity with the Canons thereof, ordain and consecrate our beloved in Christ, the Reverend William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., Rector of the said St. Peter's Church, Albany, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners we were fully ascertained, into the sacred Office of a Bishop in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of GOD—he having been duly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Albany.

Given under our hands and seals, in the city of Albany and State of New York aforesaid, and on the day and in the year herein above written.

HORATIO POTTER,
Bishop of New York.

H. A. NEELY,
Bishop of Maine.

W. H. ODENHEIMER,
Bishop of New Jersey.

A. N. LITTLEJOHN,
Bishop of Long Island.

C. F. ROBERTSON,
Bishop of Missouri.

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IN THE

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WHICH ASSEMBLED IN

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The Feast of St. Michael and all Angels.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESE OF ALBANY,

SEPTEMBER 29, 1869.

This List of Clergy being that presented to the Convention by the Bishop, contains no note of changes which have since taken place.

This mark (*) designates the Alumni of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Date of reception into the Diocese,	
Nov. 15, 1868.	The Right Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, S. T. D., BISHOP, residing at Albany.
"	The Rev. DEODATUS BABCOCK, D. D., residing at Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.
"	*The Rev. WILLIAM S. BOARDMAN.
"	The Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, D. D., Rector of Zion Church, Sandy Hill, and St. James' Church, Fort Edward, Washington county.
"	*The Rev. J. H. HOBART BROWN, Rector of St. John's Church, Cohoes, Albany county.
"	*The Rev. D. HILLHOUSE BUEL, Rector of Christ Church Cooperstown, Otsego county.
	*The Rev. EDWIN E. BUTLER, Minister of the Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls, and Missionary at Harrisena, Warren county.
"	The Rev. NORMAN W. CAMP, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point, Clinton county.
"	*The Rev. JOSEPH CAREY, Rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.
"	*The Rev. EDGAR T. CHAPMAN, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Green Island, Albany county.
"	The Rev. LEWIS P. CLOVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush, Rensselaer county, and Missionary.
"	The Rev. THOMAS W. COIT, D. D., LL. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.
	The Rev. WILLIAM H. COOK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Keeseville, Essex county, and Missionary.
	The Rev. ALBERT DANKER, JR., Rector of Christ Church, Coxsackie, Greene county, and Missionary.

Nov. 15, 1838. *The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Missionary at St. Paul's Church, Salem, and at Cambridge, Washington county.

" The Rev. JOEL DAVIS, Missionary at West Burlington, Garrattsville and Exeter.

" *The Rev. EDWARD DOLLOWAY, Rector of Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, and Missionary.

" The Rev. JOHN DOWNIE, Rector of Trinity Church, Claverack, Columbia county, and Missionary.

" The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, and Missionary at Northville, Fulton county.

" *The Rev. GEORGE W. FERGUSON, Rector of Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

" The Rev. GEORGE FISHER, Missionary, Albany.

" The Rev. JOHN IRVING FORBES, Missionary at Sharon Springs, Schoharie county.

" *The Rev. BYRON J. HALL, Rector of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.

" *The Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, JR., Deacon, Missionary at Essex, Boquet, Willsborough and Whallonsburgh, Essex county.

" *The Rev. ROBERT T. HOWARD, Missionary at Fonda and Gloversville. Montgomery county.

" The Rev. JOHN V. HUGHES, Missionary to the unassigned places in Otsego county.

" The Rev. GURDON HUNTINGTON, Missionary at Walton and Deposit, Delaware county.

" *The Rev. WILLIAM O. JARVIS, Rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stockport, Columbia county.

The Rev. J. EVERETT JOHNSON, Missionary at Athens, Greene county.

" The Rev. WILLIAM ROSS JOHNSON, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.

" *The Rev. JOHN STEINFORT KIDNEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence county.

" *The Rev. LEWIS H. LIGHTHIPE, Rector of Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego county, and Missionary.

" *The Rev. FREDERICK N. LUSON, Rector of Trinity Church, Whitehall, and Missionary at Ticonderoga, Washington county.

" The Rev. JOSEPH W. MULFORD, Rector of Christ Church, Troy.

" The Rev. JAMES BYRON MURRAY, Rector of St. John's Church, Johnstown, Fulton county.

" The Rev. GEORGE L. NEIDE, Missionary at Champlain, Clinton county.

" The Rev. GEORGE H. NICHOLLS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls, Rensselaer county.

" The Rev. WILLIAM M. OGDEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, Delaware county.

" *The Rev. WILLIAM PAYNE, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, Schenectady.

' *The Rev. HEWLETT R. PETERS, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence county.

" The Rev. EDWARD PIDSLEY, Missionary at Cairo, South Cairo and Akron, Greene county.

' *The Rev. JOHN F. POTTER, Rector of Grace Church, Canton, St. Lawrence county.

Nov. 15, 1868. *The Rev. HENRY H. PROUT, Rector of Trinity Church, Windham, and Missionary at Ashland, Greene county.

" The Rev. JOHN RANDALL, Missionary at Brush's Mills, Franklin county.

" The Rev. J. LIVINGSTON REESE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany.

" *The Rev. WILLIAM A. RICH, Canton, St. Lawrence county.

" The Rev. WILLIAM S. ROWE, Missionary at Clermont, Columbia county.

" *The Rev. NELSON S. RULISON, Rector of Zion Church, Morris, Otsego county.

" *The Rev. EDWIN B. RUSSELL, Rector of Grace Church, Albany.

" *The Rev. DAVID L. SCHWARTZ, Rector of Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego county.

" *The Rev. EDWARD SELKIRK, Rector of Trinity Church, Albany.

" The Rev. EDWIN SLADE, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, and Missionary at Schoharie Court-House, Schoharie county.

" *The Rev. HENRY STANLEY, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, Herkimer county.

" The Rev. CHARLES L. SYKES.

" The Rev. PORTER THOMAS, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, Montgomery county, and Missionary.

" The Rev. JOHN B. TIBBITS, Deacon, at Hoosac Four Corners.

" The Rev. JOHN TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, West Troy, Albany county.

" *The Rev. JOHN IRELAND TUCKER, D. D., Pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, and Principal of the Warren Free Institute.

" *The Rev. FRANCIS C. WAINWRIGHT, Rector of Christ Church, Schenectady.

" The Rev. GEORGE H. WALSH, Rector St. John's Church, Troy.

" *The Rev. ROBERT WASHBON, Missionary at South Westerlo, Albany county.

" The Rev. ROBERT WEEKS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

" The Rev. ELIAS WEIL, B. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, and Missionary at Glenville, Saratoga county.

" *The Rev. CHARLES A. WENMAN, Rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county, and Missionary in the Helderberg region.

" The Rev. EPHRAIM S. WIDDEMER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy.

" The Rev. JOHN F. WINKLEY, Missionary at Norfolk, Massena and Potsdam Junction, St. Lawrence county.

" The Rev. HERMON G. WOOD, Rector of Christ Church, Herkimer, Herkimer county, and Missionary.

Dec. 3, 1868. *The Rev. ALFRED HOUGHTON STUBBS, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Westford, and Missionary at Portlandville, Schenevus and Worcester, Otsego county.

" *The Rev. JAMES WILKINS STEWART, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Malone, Franklin county.

Feb. 3, 1869. The Rev. E. N. POTTER, D. D., Associate Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.

March 15, 1869. The Rev. WILLIAM H. CAPERS.

March 16, 1869. *The Rev. DANIEL ELLIS WILLES, Rector of St Peter's Church, Hobart, Delaware county, and Missionary.

May, 1869. *The Rev. WILLIAM BOGERT WALKER, Rector of St. John's Church, Stillwater, and officiating at St. Luke's Church, Mechanicville, Saratoga county.

Nov. 15, 1868.

May 17, 1869. The Rev. JOHN H. BABCOCK, Schuylerville, Missionary in the town of Saratoga, Saratoga county.

June 7, 1869. *The Rev. ROYAL MARSHALL, Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany.

July 13, 1869. The Rev. C. E. BUTLER.

Aug. 2, 1869. The Rev. HENRY McCLORY, Rector of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, Clinton county.

Aug. 23, 1869. *The Rev. JAMES A. UPJOHN, Rector of Trinity Church, Granville, Washington county, and Missionary.

Aug. 27, 1869. The Rev. THOMAS MAY THORPE, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Waddington, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, and Missionary.

Aug. 29, 1869. *The Rev. RICHARD S. ADAMS, residing at Troy.

Sept. 10, 1869. The Rev. BENJAMIN WEBB, Missionary at Fairfield, Norway, Newport and Middleville, Herkimer county.

Sept. 21, 1869. *The Rev. MICHAEL SCOFIELD, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county.

*The Rev. JOSEPH RICHEY, Rector of St. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county.

" The Rev. JOHN S. CLARK, residing at Saratoga Springs.

Sept. 22, 1869. The Rev. CHARLES H. LANCASTER, Missionary at Ilion, Herkimer county.

Sept. 29, 1869. *The Rev. ROBERT S. LOCKE, Deacon, Missionary to St. James' Church, Caldwell, and the Church of St. Sacrament, Bolton, Warren Co.

I certify the above to be a correct list of the Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese of Albany.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE,

Sept. 29, A. D. 1869. *Bishop of Albany.*

Number of Clergy present at this Convention	69
Number of Clergy absent	8
Number on the roll of the Convention	77
Number not entitled to seats	9
Number of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese	86

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

PRESENT AT THIS

CONVENTION.

The following Clergy of the Diocese, entitled to seats in the Convention, were present some time during its session:

The Right Rev. *William Croswell Doane, S. T. D.*

Rev. John H. Babcock,
Samuel B. Bostwick, D. D.,
J. H. Hobart Brown,
D. Hillhouse Buel,
Edwin E. Butler,
Norman W. Camp, D. D.,
Joseph Carey,
Edgar T. Chapman,
John S. Clark,
Lewis P. Clover, D. D..
Thomas W. Coit, D. D. LL. D.,
William H. Cook,
Albert Danker, jr.,
Henry M. Davis,
Joel Davis,
Edward Dollaway,
John Downie,
G. C. V. Eastman,
George W. Ferguson,
George Fisher,

Rev. John Irving Forbes,
Byron J. Hall,
John H. Hopkins, jr.,
Robert T. Howard,
John V. Hughes,
Gurdon Huntington,
William O. Jarvis,
Wm. Ross Johnson,
John Steinfort Kidney,
Charles H. Lancaster,
Lewis A. Lighthipe,
Frederick N. Luson,
Royal Marshall,
Henry McClory,
Joseph W. Mulford,
James Byron Murray,
George L. Neide,
George H. Nicholls,
William M. Ogden,
Edward Pidsley,

Rev John F. Potter,
Henry H. Prout,
John Randall,
Nelson S. Rulison,
Edwin B. Russell,
David L. Schwartz,
Michael Schofield,
Edward Selkirk,
Edwin Slade,
Henry Stanley,
James W. Stewart,
Alfred Houghton Stubbs,
Porter Thomas,
Thomas May Thorpe,
Rev. John Townsend,
John I. Tucker, D. D.,
James A. Upjohn,
Francis C. Wainwright,
William B. Walker,
George H. Walsh,
Benjamin Webb,
Robert Weeks,
Elias Weil,
Charles A. Wenman,
Ephraim S. Widdemer,
Daniel Ellis Willes,
J. F. Winkley,
Hermon G. Wood.

CLERGYMEN NOT MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION—PRESENT.

The Rev. David Brown, of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. William T. Gibson, D. D., of the Diocese of Central New York.

The Rev. William S. Hayward, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. Myron A. Johnson, of the Diocese of Vermont.

List of Lay Delegates.

The names of those who were present and sat in the Convention are printed in Small Capital letters. The names of those who were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names, are printed in Roman.

Counties.	Churches.	Delegates.
Albany.....	St. Peter's, Albany.....	Orlando Meads,
		John V. L. Pruyn,
		Townsend Fondey.
	Grace, Albany.....	William R. Ford,
		Henry J. Wells,
		George W. Gibbons,
	Holy Innocents', Albany.....	William H. DeWitt,
		Samuel M. Van Santvoord,
		Joshua Rathbun.
	St. Paul's, Albany	John H. Van Antwerp,
		Leonard Kip,
		Harvey A. Dwight.

	Trinity, Albany.....	A. S. Beers,
		JAMES BELL,
		WILLIAM GRANGER,
	St John's, Cohoes.....	WILLIAM N. CHADWICK,
		William E. Thorn,
		Murray Hubbard.
	St. Mark's, Green Island.....	WILLIAM C. BUEL,
		JAMES D. FORD,
		JOHN B. GROAT.
	Trinity, Rensselaerville	FRANKLIN FRISBEE,
		JAMES G. JARVIS,
		J. L. RICE.
	Emmanuel, South Westerlo.....	
	Trinity, West Troy.....	JAMES ROY,
		GEORGE B. FRASER,
		PETER V. HAGNER.
Clinton.....	St. Paul's, Centreville.....	
	St. John's, Champlain.....	
	St. Peter's, Ellenburgh.....	
	Trinity, Plattsburgh.....	John H. Sanborn,
		John W. Lind,
		James Bailey.
	Christ, Rouse's Point.....	Harvey Hewitt,
		John Thompson,
		David White.
Columbia.....	Trinity, Claverack.....	S. H. WEBB,
		W. H. Philip,
		H. G. Adams.
	St. John's, Copake.....	
	Christ, Hudson	ROBERT B. MONELL,
		GEORGE W. GIBSON,
		H. J. BARRINGER.
	St. Paul's, Kinderhook.....	Henry H. Gibbs,
		FRANCIS SILVESTER,
		Henry S. Wyncoop.
	St. John's, Stockport.....	Gideon Lathrop,
		Francis H. Stott,
		W. F. Butler, Jr.
Delaware.....	Grace, Bloomville.....	
	St. John's, Delhi.....	
	St. Paul's, Franklin.....	HENRY S. EDWARDS,
		Milton Bostwick,
		WILLIAM SMITH.
	St. Peter's, Hobart.....	SAMUEL BARLOW,
		W. H. Sturgis,
		Charles S. Stewart.
	Christ, Walton.....	George St. John,
		Edwin Guild,
		David H. Gay.

Essex.....	St. John's, Essex.....	Stephen D. Derby, ARTEMAS H. WHITNEY, James B. Ross.
	St. Paul's, Keeseville.....	Samuel Ames, James Rogers.
	Of the Cross, Ticonderoga.....	
Franklin	St. Mark's, Malone.....	William Andrus, JOEL J. SEAVER, ALBERT HOBBES.
Fulton.....	St. John's, Johnstown.....	ELIJAH W. PRINDLE, ABIRAM S. VAN VOAST, J. M. Carroll.
	Of the Redeemer, Northampton..	Henry Sandford, Colins Ingalls, M. D., Harvey D. Smith.
Greene.....	Trinity, Athens.....	NATHAN CLARK, S. H. Nichols, F. W. Tolley,
	Calvary, Cairo.....	H. L. DAY, Edwin E. Darby, L. Byington.
	St. Luke's, Catskill.....	F. JAMES FITCH, Charles B. Pinckney, JOHN H. BAGLEY, Jr.
	Christ, Coxsackie.....	L. F. BOTSFORD, Nicholas Clute, George Reed.
	Christ, Greenville.....	George L. Rundle, J. JAMES RUNDLE, SAMUEL GEORGE,
	St. Paul's, Oak Hill.....	John Henry Cheritree, Elias Austin, G. H. LOWERY.
	Grace, Prattsville.....	Thomas Fitch, H. B. Montgomery, James Lewis.
	Trinity, Windham.....	Austin Smith, F. Holcomb, M. D., Willis Chatfield.
Herkimer.....	Trinity, Fairfield.....	William Mather, GRIFFIN SWEET, M. D, S. Teall.
	Christ, Herkimer.....	George W. Pine, ROBERT EARLE, Clark P. Washburn.
	Emmanuel, Little Falls.....	ABRAHAM HAUN, M. D, Charles A. Girvan, R. H. Smith.
	Grace, Norway.....	

Montgomery..	St. Ann's, Amsterdam.....	Dr. Charles Devendorf, Cyrus B. Chase, Henry S. Persse.
	St. Polycarp's, Canajoharie.....	
	Zion, Fonda,.....	Richard H. Cushney, Hiram L. Washburn, Henry B. Cushney,
Otsego.....	Christ, Butternuts.....	William R. Smith, A. Gould Blackman, Richard E. Hollis.
	Grace, Cherry Vallry.....	Henry Roseboom, Abraham B. Cox, Joseph Phelon.
	Christ, Cooperstown.....	G. Pomeroy Keese, George W. Ernst, Alfred Clark.
	St. John's, Exeter.....	
	St. Mark's, Garrattsville.....	
	Zion, Morris.....	Albert G. Moore, G. A. Yates, N. B. Pearsall.
	Immanuel, Otego.....	William Birdsall, George W. Cook, Charles Blake.
	St. John's, Portlandville.....	Robert M. Townsend, Samuel Denison, Hobart M. Somers.
	St. Luke's, Richfield.....	
	St. John's, Richfield Springs....	
	St. Matthew's, Unadilla.....	Samuel North. Alexander P. Gray, Fred. N. Sands.
	St. Timothy's, Westford.....	Nathan Bidlake, Theodore A. Snyder, Daniel Nash Allen, Jr.,
Rensselaer....	Messiah, Greenbush.....	William P. Irwin, F. B. Parmele, M. D., John Ruyter.
	St. Mark's, Hoosac Falls.....	John Hobart Warren, Walter A. Wood, John G. Darrock.
	Trinity, Lansingburgh.....	John Holme, James McQuaid, Peter King,
	Trinity, Schaghticoke.....	Joseph E. Knickerbacker, Tibbits Briggs, O. A. Arnold.
	Christ, Troy.....	George B. Smith, Charles W. Mosely, William Kemp.

Rensselaer....	St. John's, Troy.....	FRANCIS N. MANN, THOMAS A. TILLINGHAST, BENJ. H. HALL.
	St. Luke's, Troy.....	N. B. Squires, PETER THALIMER, F. A. Stow.
	St. Paul's, Troy.....	JAMES FORSYTH, EDWARD C. PATTISON, JOHN I. THOMPSON.
Saratoga.....	Christ, Ballston Spa.....	Benj. F. Baker, STEPHEN B. MEDBURY, Wheeler K. Booth.
	Calvary, Burnt Hills.....	Lewis H. Sears. Ebenezer R. Jones, George H. Barlow.
	St. Paul's, Charlton.....	Lorenzone Taylor, Marvin E. Meyers, WILLIAM BIRDSALL.
	St. Luke, Mechanicsville.....	WILLIAM TIBBITTS, M. D. WM. C. TALLMADGE, Edward A. Buckhout.
	Bethesda, Saratoga Springs.....	ROCKWELL PUTNAM, PETER P. WIGGINS, William M. Searing.
	St. Stephen's, Schuylerville.....	
	St. John's, Stillwater.....	Lewis Lyon, Theodore Baker, John W. Buffington.
	Grace, Waterford	James Holroyd, JOHN HIGGINS, JOSEPH B. ENOS.
	St. Mary's, West Charlton.....	
Schenectady ..	Christ, Duanesburgh.....	BENJ. M. DUANE, HUGH M. DOUGALL, Alexander McDougall.
	St. George's, Schenectady.....	ABRAM A. VAN VORST, GEORGE W. CURTIS, SAMUEL W. JACKSON.
	Christ, Schenectady	JAMES D. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, B. O'CONNELL, Peter Rowe.
Schoharie	St. Andrew's, Schoharie.....	
St. Lawrence.	Grace, Canton.....	Richard F. Harison, Leslie W. Russell, Richard B. Ellsworth.
	Christ, Morristown.....	
	Grace, Norfolk.....	
	St. John's, Ogdensburgh.....	WILLIAM J. AVERELL.
	Trinity, Potsdam.....	T. Streatfield Clarkson, Edward W. Foster, CHARLES R. BOSWELL

	St. Paul's, Waddington.....	
Warren	St. James', Caldwell.....	
	Christ, Chester (Pottersville)...	
	Messiah, Glen's Falls.....	
	St. Mary's, Luzerne.....	BENJAMIN C. BUTLER,
		Andrew J. Cherritree,
		William H. Ely.
	Holy Cross, Warrensburgh.....	BENJ. P. BURHANS,
		FREDERICK O. BURHANS,
		Charles Braley.
Washington...	St. Luke's, Cambridge.....	J. H. Houghton,
		P. E. Wager,
		Charles E. Hawley.
	St. James', Fort Edward.....	THOMAS R. WADE,
		Charles Albro,
		Philander C. Hitchcock.
	Trinity, Granville.....	P. D. Evarts,
		J. S. Warren,
		GEORGE TOBEY.
	Christ, Hampton.	
	St. Paul's, Salem.....	JAMES GIBSON,
		John M. Williams,
		Albert K. Broughton.
	Zion, Sandy Hill.....	E. H. Crocker,
		George Weston,
		Daniel J. Finch.
	St. Paul's, Whitehall.....	Adolphus H. Tanner,
		Charles H. Clarendon,
		Uriah H. Coffin.
	Trinity, Whitehall.....	

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ALBANY, WEDNESDAY, *September 29th*, A. D. 1869.
THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

The Bishop and a number of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Albany, assembled at St. Peter's Church, Albany, at half-past ten o'clock in the morning.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. James W. Stewart, rector of St. Mark's Church, Malone, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. L. P. Clover, D. D., rector of the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush, and the Rev. W. R. Johnson, rector of Christ Church, Hudson. The Apostles' Creed and the Collects were said by Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., rector of St. James Church, Fort Edward, and Zion Church, Sandy Hill. The Litany was said by the Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Rouse's Point.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Right Reverend the Bishop, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. W. H. Cook, of St. Paul's Church, Keesville, and in the Gospel by the Rev. David Brown, of the Diocese of New Jersey. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Coit, D. D., LL.D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy. The Offertory Sentences were read by G. C. V. Eastman, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Northampton. The first Exhortation was read by the Rev. R. T. Howard, rector of Zion Church, Fonda. The Bishop was assisted in the distribution of the consecrated elements by the Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown, the Rev. W. M. Ogden, rector of St. Paul's Church, Franklin, the Rev. E. Weil, B. D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlton, and the Rev. W. B. Walker, rector of St. John's Church, Stillwater. The Post Com-

munion was said by the Rev. J. W. Mulford, rector of Christ Church, Troy. The Blessing was pronounced by the Bishop.

At four o'clock, P. M., Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. L. H. Lighthipe, rector of Christ Church, Butternuts, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. C. A. Wenman, rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, and the Rev. J. H. Babcock, missionary at Schuylerville. The Prayers were said by the Rev. Joseph Carey, rector of Christ Church, Ballston Spa.

Immediately after Evening Prayer, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Secretary called the roll of Clergy and Parishes.

Sixty-one clergymen answered to their names.

The Bishop having appointed the Secretary, the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn and the Hon. Henry Roseboom, a committee to examine the certificates of Lay Delegates, the Lay Delegates of forty-five Parishes appeared and took their seats.

A constitutional quorum being present, the Bishop announced that the Convention was organized for business.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown was elected Secretary.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., was elected Treasurer.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. Robert Weeks, rector of St. Luke's Church, Catskill, Assistant Secretary.

The Bishop appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON THE INCORPORATION AND ADMISSION OF CHURCHES.

Judge R. H. Cushney, Judge James Gibson, and the Rev. N. S. Rulison.

ON THE DIOCESAN FUND.

The Rev. John Townsend, the Rev. J. W. Stewart, the Hon. Jonas C. Heartt, the Hon. Robert Earle, and the Treasurer.

ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. P. Keese, Esq., Wm. H DeWitt, Esq., James Bailey, Esq.

ON THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Rev. Dr. Tucker, the Rev. R. Washbon, the Hon. James Roy, Wm. N. Chadwick, Esq., A. Haun, M. D.

ON CANONS.

The Rev. Dr. T. W. Coit, the Rev. D. H. Buel, the Rev. J. S. Kidney, Judge F. N. Mann, O. Meads, Esq., the Hon. James Forsyth, Judge F. James Fitch.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. Joseph Carey, Francis Silvester, Esq.

For the Lay Vote—The Rev. J. I. Forbes and B. C. Butler, Esq.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

For the Clerical Vote—The Rev. H. G. Wood and Mr. Townsend Fondey.

For the Lay Vote—The Rev. Wm. M. Ogden and Mr. F. O. Burhans.

The Report of the Committee on the Bishop's salary was received, and, on motion, was made the order of the day for tomorrow, at twelve o'clock, noon.

The Report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund was read by the Hon. James Forsyth.

To the Convention:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, of the Diocese of Albany, appointed by the Primary Convention, respectfully report:

That they procured from the Legislature of the State, at its last session, an act of incorporation, in due form, under which they hold the following investments and money for the Fund:

Bonds and mortgages on real estate in Albany, on interest at 7 per ct..	$17,500 00
$10,000 U. S. 5:20 registered bonds, cost.....	10,837 50
$3,000 U. S. 6s, '81, registered bonds, cost.....	3,450 00
Cash on deposit in N. Y. State National Bank to credit of the Fund..	1,809 08
Total.....	$33,596 58

Also bond of St. John's Church, Cohoes, $1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DE WITT,
H. PUMPELLY,
JAMES FORSYTH,
JONAS C. HEARTT,
J. H. VAN ANTWERP,
Trustees.

ALBANY, *September 29th*, 1869.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented and read by the Secretary.

To the Convention:

The Treasurer respectfully reports:

That the balance due Messrs. C. Van Benthuysen & Sons, for printing for the Primary Convontion, books, stationary, etc., for the Bishop, Secretary of the Convention, and the Diocese, is $410.53, for which funds are required.

Also, that he holds in his hand, subject to the action of the Convention, $15.77, received from Rev. W. O. Jarvis, of St. John's Church, Stockport, for the aged and infirm clergy.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

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DIOCESAN FUND, DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

Receipts, 1869:

From St. Paul's Church, Salem, less mileage to rector	$7 78
Zion Church, Fonda, less mileage.....	5 31
Christ Church, Cooperstown, less mileage.....	13 50
St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, less mileage.....	5 48
St. Luke's Church, Troy	20 00
Trinity Church, West Troy.....	22 50
Christ Church, Duanesburgh.....	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Albany.....	45 00
Zion Church, Sandy Hill.....	12 00
St. Paul's Church, Charlton, less mileage.....	4 00
Zion Church, Morris, less mileage.....	8 28
Holy Innocents' Church, Albany.....	18 00
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs, less mileage.....	20 00
Christ Church, Walton, less mileage.....	1 00
St. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville, less mileage.....	75
St. Mary's Church, Luzerne, less mileage	1 40
St. John's Church, Copake, less mileage	5 25

From St. Paul's Church, Troy	$37 50
Calvary Church, Cairo, less mileage	3 00
St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam	5 00
Christ Church, Herkimer, less mileage	5 00
Trinity Church, Windham	7 50
Trinity Church, Whitehall	10 00
St. John's Church, Cohoes	20 00
Journals, Primary Convention, sold by the Secretary	8 50
Grace Church, Cherry Valley	8 55
Grace Church, Waterford	15 00
Immanuel Church, Otego, less mileage	4 95
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh	7 25
Christ Church, Hudson	26 58
Grace Church, Norfolk	12 00
Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls	5 50
Christ Church, Troy	24 00
Trinity Church, Claverack, less mileage	8 20
St. Luke's Church, Clermont, less mileage	1 25
Trinity Church, Albany	5 48
Christ Church, Butternuts, less mileage	3 00
St. Luke's Church, Catskill	18 00
St. Peter's Church, Albany	60 00
St. John the Evangelist, Stockport	11 23
St. Peter's Church, Hobart	6 57
St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam	4 40
Trinity Church, Sharon	11 25
St. John's Church, Johnstown, less mileage	11 71
Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls	12 00
Christ Church, Walton	8 50
Total	$572 17

Paid the Rev. Dr. Eigenbrodt for attendance at Primary Convention	$15 00	
For ledger	5 00	
Rev. J. F. Potter, Canton, $16.87 mileage, less $10.50	6 37	
Rev. G. L. Veile, Champlain, $14.77 mileage, less 7.50	7 27	
Secretary of Convention postage and expenses	56 25	
Parchment letter of consecration of Bishop	30 00	
Weed, Parsons & Co., bill of printing	43 00	
C. Van Benthuysen & Sons, on account of printing	350 00	$512 89
Balance in bank		$59 28

J. H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

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The Treasurer presented also the following Reports:

THE INCOME ACCOUNT TO PAY THE SALARY OF THE BISHOP.

RECEIVED FROM ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES.

St. James' Church, Fort Edward (on account)	$7 50
St. Luke's, Cambridge	5 00
St. Luke's, Harrissena	5 00
St. Paul's, Salem	15 00
Trinity Church, Whitehall	10 00
Zion Church, Sandy Hill	30 00
Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	25 00
St. Mary's, Luzerne	5 00
Messiah, Glen's Falls (on account)	25 00
St. James Church, Caldwell	5 00
Grace Church Canton	10 00
Trinity Church, Gouverneur	10 00
Christ Church, Morristown	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Waddington	30 00
St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh	5 00
Trinity Church, Sharon	35 00
Christ Church, Ballston	30 00
St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville	15 00
Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs	25 00
St. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville	5 00
St. John's Church Stillwater	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Troy	300 00
Christ Church, West Burlington	5 00
St. John's Church, Portlandville	5 00
Immanuel Church, Otego	10 00
Zion Church, Morris	40 00
St. John's Church Exeter	5 00
Christ Church, Cooperstown	60 00
Grace Church, Cherry Valley	20 00
Zion Church, Fonda	10 00
Grace Church, Norway	5 00
Trinity Church, Fairfield	10 00
St. John's Church, Johnstown	50 00
Trinity Church, Gloversville	5 00
St. Luke's, Church, Catskill	25 00
Calvary Church, Cairo	5 00
Christ Church, Coxsackie	10 00
Christ Church, Greenville	10 00
Trinity Church, Windham	5 00
Grace Church, Prattsville	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Malone	25 00
St. John's Church, Essex	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Keeseville (on account)	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Hobart	15 00
Trinity Church, Claverack	10 00
St. Luke's Church, Clermont	5 00

St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook	$25 00
St. John's Church, Stockport (on account)	14 00
Trinity Church, West Troy	26 00
St. John's Church, Champlain	5 00
Christ Church, Rouse's Point	10 00
St. Peter's Church, Albany	100 00
St. Paul's Church, Albany	80 00
Holy Innocents', Albany	10 00
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville	5 00
St. Mark's Church, Green Island	20 00
St. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills	5 00
Christ Church, Troy	100 00
Christ Church, Walton	25 00
St. John's Church, Troy	200 00
St. John's Church, Delhi	25 00
Trinity Church, Lansingburgh	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Franklin	20 00
St. Timothy's Church, Westford	5 00
St. Luke's, Troy	10 00
Emmanuel Church, Little Falls	15 00
St. John's Church, Stockport (balance)	26 00
St. James' Church, Fort Edward (balance)	22 50
St. Sacrament Church, Bolton	5 00
Holy Cross Church, Troy (on account)	62 00
Christ Church, Herkimer	10 00
Grace Church, Norfolk	5 00
Christ Church, Hudson (on account)	25 00
St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh	50 00
Grace Church Church, Waterford	50 00
Trinity Church, Albany (on account)	27 00
Interest, bond St. John's Church, Cohoes	28 00
Oct. 1, interest on Druig's bond and mortgage	59 25
	$2,086 75

Also from investments of Trustees of the Endowment Fund, as follows:

May 11, 1869, interest on $10,000, 5:20s, gold		$300 00
Premium on same, 40 per cent		120 00
July 1, interest 6 months Griswold mortgage		122 50
interest 6 months Hill mortgage		135 00
July 13, interest 6 months Anell's mortgage		210 00
		$2,974 25
Less payments:		
To Bishop, on account of salary	$2,242 50	
For printing, envelopes and postage	9 25	
		$2,251 75
Balance cash on hand		$723 00

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

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CHURCHES NOT PAYING ASSESSMENT.

The following Churches have not paid the assessment made April, 1869, by the Committee on the Bishop's Salary :

Christ Church, Chester	$5 00
——— Church, Lawrence	5 00
St. Luke's Church, Lisbon	10 00
Trinity Church, Potsdam	30 00
St. George's Church, Schenectady	25 00
Christ Church, Schenectady	5 00
Christ Church, Duanesburgh	70 00
Calvary Church, Ballston	25 00
Calvary Church, Burnt Hill	10 00
St. Paul's Church, Charlton	5 00
Messiah Church, Greenbush	20 00
——— Church, Hoosac	20 00
St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls	20 00
Holy Cross Church, Troy (balance)	78 00
St. Luke's Church, Richfield	10 00
St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla	25 00
St. John's Church, Richfield Springs	10 00
——— Church, Oneonta	10 00
——— Church, Laurens	10 00
St. Mark's Church, Garrattsville	5 00
Christ Church, Butternuts	35 00
St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam	30 00
——— Church, Newport	5 00
Redeemer, Northampton	5 00
Trinity Church, Athens	20 00
St. Paul's Church, Oak Hill	20 00
Grace Church, Bloomfield	5 00
Christ Church, Deposit	5 00
Christ Church, Hudson (balance)	50 00
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh	40 00
Trinity Church, Albany (balance)	28 00
Grace Church, Albany	55 00
Messiah, Glen's Falls, (balance)	25 00
St. Paul's Keeseville (balance)	5 00
Total	$726 00

For the Committee, J. J. TILLINGHAST,
September 29, 1869. *Secretary.*

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance, per Journal of Primary Convention	$27,732 94
Received from—	
G. W. Packard, Albany	40 00
B. C. Humphrey, Albany	25 00
Lyman Tremain, Albany	200 00
St. Paul's Church, Salem, collection	51 15
Trinity Church, Plattsburgh	10 00

Wm. C. Sheldon, New York	$100 00
G. Barker, Schenectady	100 00
D. L. Beatta, Schenectady	25 00
G. Babcock, Troy	100 00
T. A. Tillinghast, Troy	250 00
C. W. Tillinghast, Troy	500 00
Norman B. Squires, Troy	250 00
P. Thalimer, Troy	100 00
Jas. M. Brewer, Troy	100 00
"F. N." Central City, Colorado	10 00
Trinity Church, Rensselaerville	25 00
St. John's Church, Copake	4 25
Thos. Squires, Albany	100 00
Mrs. Woolsey, Athens	25 00
G. S. Nichols, Athens	10 00
W. P. A. Stranahan, Athens	5 00
St. Mary's Church, Luzerne	52 25
C. W. Weeks, Albany	50 00
H. A. Dwight, Albany	25 00
A. P. Palmer, Albany	25 00
Geo. Reed, Coxsackie	25 00
S. G. Foote, Ogsdensburg	25 00
J. D. Judson, Ogsdensburgh	10 00
Interest on deposits in bank, to July 1, 1869	250 77
Christ Church, Ballston	230 00
Robt. G. Radcliff, Albany	25 00
Misses Radcliff, Albany	25 00
John G. Saxe, Albany	25 00
E. H. Bender, Albany	100 00
Harmon Pumpelly, Albany	500 00
Thos. B. Morrow, Albany	25 00
C. Ashley, Ogdensburgh	10 00
J. Armstrong, Ogdensburgh	10 00
Edwin Clark, Ogdensburgh	25 00
J. G. Averell, Ogdensburgh	100 00
W. J. Averell, Ogdensburgh	50 00
L. Hasbrouck, Ogdensburgh	10 00
J. Barber, Ogdensburgh	10 00
J. C. Sprague, Ogdensburgh	10 00
D. Lane, Troy	10 00
Mrs. M. E. Bryan, Troy	100 00
J. R. Catlin, Troy	100 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Troy	1,277 29
Mary Ingalls, Greenwich	2 00
Christ Church, Herkimer	30 00
W. P. Warren, Troy	100 00
St. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls	38 50
J. Cromwell, Caldwell	5 00
J. G. Mosher, M. D., Albany	25 00
St. John's Church, Richfield Springs	14 53
St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville	4 00

St. John's Church, Stillwater	$2 00
St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam	225 00
George Tweddle, Albany	50 00
John J. Fuller, Schenectady	50 00
Harriet Mumford, Schenectady	50 00
Interests on deposits in bank, to date	72 50
Gain on mortgage purchased	200 00
	$33,737 18

Also Parish bond of St John's Church, Cohoes, $1,000.

Payments to—

Weed, Parsons & Co., for subscription books and circulars	$69 00	
Express charges on bonds, from Washington	3 60	
Envelopes and postage	15 75	
B. C. Butler's expenses procuring subscriptions	52 25	
Invested by Trustees of the Endowment Fund	31,787 50	
		$31,928 10
Cash balance in bank to credit of Fund		$1,809 08

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

ALBANY, *September 29th*, 1869.

The Rev. D. H. Buel, for the Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches, respectfully report,

That they have received, through the Secretary of the Convention, and have examined applications for admission into union with the churches in this Diocese, from the following churches, which appear to be regularly incorporated, and have presented applications in writing, in due form, accompanied by the papers required by the Canons, viz:

1. St. John's Church, Portlandville, Otsego county.
2. Christ Church, Schenectady.
3. Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county.

In each of these cases the application is made in pursuance of a resolution of the Vestry, authorizing the application, and agreeing to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention. A copy of the resolution, authenticated by the seal of the corporation, accompanies the application, as does also the Certificate of Incorporation, duly recorded. Also a certificate of the Bishop that he approves the incorporation of the church, and that the same, in his judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established; also satisfactory evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding the application, attended divine service in such church or congregation. Accordingly, the Committee recommend that these three churches be received into union by the Convention.

The Committee further report, that they have received an application, with accompany papers, from the Rector, Church Wardens and vestry of St. Augustine's Church, Ilion, Herkimer county; but in this case the Certificate of Incorporation had the serious defect of not being recorded.

The Committee recommend that St. John's Church, Portlandville, Otsego county, Christ Church, Schenectady, Schenectady county, and Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, be severally received into union by the Convention.

And that in the case of St. Augustine's Church, Ilion, the papers be referred back to the applicants for remedy.

D. H. BUEL,
Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted, and St. John's Church, Portlandville, Otsego county; Christ Church, Schenectady, Schenectady county; and Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, were admitted into union with the Convention.

The Report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons were presented and read by the Secretary, as follows:

REPORT.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Albany:

The following resolution, reported by the Committee on Canons, was unanimously adopted at the Primary Convention of the Diocese:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons, with the addition of the Bishop of the Diocese, upon his consecration, as Chairman, be requested to make a thorough revision of the Constitution and Canons of the old Diocese, and that they cause their report to be printed and sent to all the Parishes of the Diocese at least one month before the time of meeting of the next Annual Convention, and that the Convention shall then take final action upon the Constitution and Canons—the vote of a majority of the Convention voting, either together or by orders, as the Convention shall then determine, being decisive.

The following draft of a proposed Constitution and Canons, is accordingly submitted. It was adopted, unanimously, at a meeting of the Committee, held in the Vestry Room of St. Peter's Church, Albany, on Thursday, May 27th.

The venerable N. S. Benton, whose name is appended to the report, has, since that meeting, entered into rest, and the surviving members of the Committee are not only glad to add to their report the weight of his name, but gratefully record their sense of the valuable assistance which he rendered by his painstaking and careful investigation of the subject. Judge Benton had prepared, before the Committee met, a Draft, which was substantially adopted, and is presented herewith.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE,
Bishop of Albany, Chairman.
T. W. COIT,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy.
D. HILLHOUSE BUEL,
Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown.
N. S. BENTON, (signing the report),
Delegate from Emmanuel Church, Little Falls
FRANCIS N. MANN,
Delegate from St. John's Church, Troy.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was made the special order for to-morrow, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion of G. Pomeroy Keese, Esq., of Christ Church, Cooperstown, the Secretary was directed to send the following telegram to the Convention of the Diocese of New York :

TELEGRAM.

The Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Albany, is instructed to communicate to the Convention of the Diocese of New York, the cordial greetings of this body, and to express its earnest hope that the Convention of New York will, during its present session, take some such suitable action as may result in giving to this Diocese the aid in respect to the Endowment of its Episcopate and to the support of its Missionaries, which it has been led to expect from the Christian feeling and liberality of the mother Diocese.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, *September* 30, 1869.

The Convention met at nine o'clock.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. E. S. Widdemer, rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of the Diocese of Vermont, and the Rev. John Downie, rector of Trinity Church, Claverack.

The Bishop took the Chair.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Several Clergymen and Lay Delegates not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Widdemer, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted yesterday making the report of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons the order of the day, be rescinded so far as it relates to the Canons.

On motion of Judge Fitch, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to nominate a Board of Missions.

The Right Rev. President appointed Judge Fitch, the Rev. Dr. Bostwick, the Rev. J. W. Stewart, Judge Cushney, and the Rev. N. S. Rulison.

The Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., moved the adoption of Canon XV, as reported by the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Babcock, the second sentence of section 2, was amended so as to read: "At this meeting after *the* reading *of* the Missionary Reports."

The question being taken, the Canon so amended was adopted.

Judge Cushney, from the Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches, reported that the application and accompanying papers of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Massena, were in due form, but that they had not been presented within the time required by the Canon.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Winkley, the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Massena, the application was withdrawn for the present and recommitted to the Committee for action at the next Convention of the Diocese.

The Secretary having been called to the Chair,

On motion of Judge Fitch, of Catskill, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to take such steps as they deem expedient; for procuring a residence for our Bishop.

Judge Fitch having asked to be excused from serving on the committee,

The Chair appointed the Hon. John V. L. Pruyn, the Hon. James Roy, the Hon. James Forsyth, G. Pomeroy Keese, Esq., and Thomas A. Tillinghast, Esq., the committee on the Episcopal residence.

The Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese resumed the Chair.

The Right Reverend the Bishop ascended the pulpit and proceeded to deliver his PRIMARY ADDRESS.

PRIMARY ADDRESS.

MY REVEREND AND BELOVED BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:

I welcome your return to-day to this holy House of God, fraught as it is with such sacred memories, to you and me, of the day, when you "took me, a man of your own coasts, and set me to be a watchman" over you; and of the other day, when God gave to me, in all my unworthiness, the commission of my holy office and the responsibility of this tremendous trust. We have entered upon our Conventional services, our deliberations, our discussions. I have no desire to divert or to detain you from their continuance, by any consideration of remote or abstract matters; by the expression of my views upon the exciting questions of the Church at large; or by the introduction of subjects foreign to ourselves. In my first Address, to what is really our first Convention, I feel that the chief thing to be attained is a fair review, and a full knowledge, of what is as new to most of you, as a few months ago it was to me, the Diocese of Albany, its wants and works, its condition and its prospects, its brief past, its busy present, and by God's help, its brilliant future. And I set myself the task of furnishing the plain straight-forward story of the visitation of the Diocese, with such suggestions as my experience has forced upon me. I do this the more gladly, because the results of my observation furnish us, what all *men* will feel to be, the strongest stimulus for earnest effort, tokens of life and work, to which God's blessing has been given, and openings for larger ventures of enterprise and generosity, to which the voice of God calls.

I desire, at the outset, to bear reverential testimony to the faithful devotion which enabled my Right Rev. Brother, (I had almost said Father,) the Bishop of New York, to achieve, what seems to me, the impossibility of visiting, with so much regularity and with such warm acceptance, the distant and widely parted parishes of his Diocese. God grant that the partial lightening of

his still abundant labors may tend to prolong, for many a year, a life so precious and so important to the Church. And I desire to bear my most admiring witness, as well, to the large-hearted fidelity, the untiring energy, and the quiet sacrifices of my brethren of the Clergy throughout the Diocese, who, "to their power, yea, and beyond their power," give themselves unreservedly to unnoticed, unpaid, and unreturning work, "stretching themselves beyond the measure" of their parochial limits or their prescribed duties, "to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond them." They are not "enlarged by you abundantly," as they ought to be, my brethren of the Laity, with sympathy, or personal work, or giving, or prayers; though I am proud and thankful to own the spirit of zeal and intelligent interest in the Church, which gives to the Diocese of Albany a body of laymen, worthy to be the co-workers of its Presbyters and Deacons, and well able to bear comparison with the oldest Dioceses in the country. It becomes us all, beloved, to sing "*Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo, da gloriam.*" But it is easiest of all for a Bishop to forego self-praise, since the spiritual results of his Diocese are but the aggregate of pastoral labors and parochial successes, which he only encourages, inspires and guides.

You will have patience with me, this year at least, when the work is all new and unknown to most of you, while I proceed, even with some tediousness, to spread out before you the outline map of what is doing, and what needs to be done.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

Consecrated on the second of February, the Feast of the Presentation, I shall not fail to have your prayers, that, in that other Presentation Day, the Master may present us pure and clean, and in the likeness of His glorious Body. My first act was to attend a meeting in the city of New York, in the interest of what are called Domestic Missions. I may be allowed to say that the word is not altogether fortunate, if it be taken to imply *distinction* in the way of *opposition;* since all missions are, to those outside the household; and yet none redeemed, as *all* are, by the blood of

Christ, are strangers or foreigners now. And I may be further allowed to say that I distrust entirely the whole system of spasmodic excitement, whether musical, military or rhetorical, for the purpose of obtaining money for the legitimate work of the Church. They are make-shifts at the best; and as one palls, another keener relish must be found. And all the while, for clerical support, for parochial requirements, for charities, for education, for missions of every name, the Church will never rise to the measure of her ability, nor fulfill the mission of her Master, until we put in force the full system of the apostolic rules of Lord's Day offertories, given according to the Lord's prospering of every member of the Church, and laid for distribution at the apostles' feet, to be appropriated by the Bishop. A scheme like this seems new, in days when men have outgrown even the recollection of the old and true. It seems arbitrary, in days when men will brook no authority but the despotic tyranny of self-will. For all that, it stands, the Scriptural, Catholic, Churchly way. Our plans, long tried, have been found wanting, every one, and judged by secular and financial standards, the only systems that are pecuniarily successful, are those which, whatever be their errors, hold to this *one* right principle *at least*, Romanism, Mormonism, Methodism, and the following of Edward Irving.

On the occasion of which I speak, Friday evening, February 5, the Bishop of New York presided, and addresses were made by the Bishops of Oregon and Long Island, and myself.

On Monday, February 15, I made my first visitation in St. John's Church, Copake Iron Works, where I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Johnston, to my great regret, has resigned the parish and left the Diocese. The Church at Copake owes its origin and maintenance to the earnest interest of one Christian woman. Luzerne furnishes another example. I wish there were more such. The parish, I am sorry to say, is very unnecessarily vacant. I refrain to say more for the present. There is a good parsonage here, beautifully situated, and a very nice Church building.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Vestry Room of St. Peter's Church, Albany, I presided at a meeting of the Missionary Committee, all the members being present, and entering upon their duties with a cordial and accordant interest, which promised, and has accomplished the best results; and in the afternoon I presided at a meeting of the Albany Bible and Prayer Book Society. Of this organization I need not say much. Its importance cannot be overestimated. It was the first association of Churchmen in Northern New York; out of it grew the Northern Convocation, and out of that the Diocese. "The brook became a river and the river became a sea." I hope every energy may be bent to increase the efficiency of this Society, the only one I ever want to see in the Diocese. And I suggest, as means towards this end, that a Canonical position be assigned, during the meeting of the Convention, to the transaction of its business; that pains be taken to make the offerings for it large, and that some definite connection between it and the Convention be secured. And I hope that the distribution of church books and tracts may be made a part of its legitimate operations. I have authorized the Rev. Dr. Coit and the Rev. Mr. Brown to prepare an edition of the Prayer Book for publication by the Society.

On Saturday, February 20, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown and the Rev. Benjamin Webb, Presbyters, I held the Canonical examination of the Rev. J. Irving Forbes and the Rev. Wm. H. Capers, Deacons, candidates for Priests' Order. And on February 21st, the second Sunday in Lent, being the Ember Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, I admitted to the Order of Priesthood the two candidates above named. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown and the Rev. Benjamin Webb. I preached the Sermon and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Wm. S. Southgate, of the Diocese of New York, and the Rev. H. T. Gregory, of the Diocese of Connecticut. The other priests present, who joined in the laying on of hands, were the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, of the Diocese of New York, and the Rev. Messrs. Selkirk, Reese and Boardman, of the Diocese of Albany.

On Monday, February 22, in the Marshall Infirmary, in Troy, I confirmed a deaf-mute, an inmate of that beneficent institution, the Rev. Dr. Tucker and the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet assisting in the services, which the latter interpreted in the sign-language. It was a touching and telling service, felt by all present. Dr. Gallaudet's noble devotion to these sufferers is beyond praise, and reaches, I am glad to say, into this Diocese, by means of a monthly service held in St. Paul's Church in this city. It is the very work which Jesus did, saying "Ephphatha," to those who by this labor of love are enabled "to speak and praise God." And it is a work for which the Church with her liturgical worship is singularly suited.

On Thursday, February 25, I gave my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Frederick Dan Huntington, Bishop elect of the Diocese of Central New York, to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God.

On Saturday, February 27, I began my first stated visitation of the Diocese, taking as the starting point the two counties of Otsego and Herkimer. It seemed an unpropitious season of the year, but I had very little choice in the matter; I was most anxious to go over the whole Diocese before I met you here. The time was all too short, and I desired to show at the start what my estimate was of a Bishop's work, as the first missionary in the Diocese. I see no reason to regret the choice. The farmers and work-people in the country were unoccupied in this month, and the result was large congregations everywhere, with a very unusual proportion of men; and the pleasant companionship of the clergy, the warm and cordial welcomes everywhere, and the courteous and comfortable arrangements made for me on every hand, turned the whole journey into a pleasure. The single regret, which I am glad to believe the people felt with me, was the hurriedness of the visitation. This has been the difficulty everywhere, and while, if God will, the full measure of a year's time will obviate it somewhat hereafter, I must give due notice that until this Diocese is broken into three, and Troy becomes one See city for the counties across the river, and either Og-

densburgh or Plattsburgh the other, the Bishop's work will not and cannot be done here as it ought to be. I speak of this in passing, but it is a necessity which you will feel yourselves soon, as I feel it now; and I hope you will take such measures of preparation as will find you ready for it when it comes.

At Cooperstown I spent the third Sunday in Lent most pleasantly. The Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, the rector, said the service, I celebrated, preached twice, and addressed the children in the Sunday School. This is a venerable Parish with recollections happily combining the sacred and the historic, as in its quiet churchyard lies the dust of the pioneer missionary, and of the first of American fiction writers, whose pen was never prostituted to corrupt popular taste. The name of Mr. Cooper and the influence of Father Nash, survive in the pious charities and earnest churchmanship of the parishoners of Christ Church.

In Grace Church, Cherry Valley, on Monday, March 1, in a very pretty church building, the rector, the Rev. David L. Schwartz, said Morning Prayer and baptized an infant. I preached, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them.

In the evening, in the Presbyterian house of worship, at Springfield, the Rev. Mr. Schwartz said Evening Prayer, and I preached to a very large congregation, baptized four adults, and confirmed five persons and addressed them. It is pleasant to see the interest of the Laity in the mission work carried on here, as an arduous addition to his laborious and well done parish duties by the rector of Cherry Valley, and gratifying to find the strong and sturdy purpose of the few church people here.

On Tuesday, March 2, in St. Timothy's Church, Westford, the Rev. A. H. Stubbs, the missionary, said Morning Prayer; I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion. I find the old Parish weak in numbers but strong in faith and purpose. It has given one faithful Missionary to this Diocese, and has sent three students, aspirants for the sacred ministry, to Annandale, where I am glad to say, that seventeen boys from this Diocese are enjoying advantages, which I believe to be unsurpassed in this country, for spiritual development, intellectual furnishing and all that tends

to make the Christian scholar. Three prospective candidates from Westford, a Parish with less than a dozen communicants, suggests a proportion which shames our stronger Parishes, in which the very last thought of Christian parents seems to be, the privilege of consecrating their children to the closest service of their Lord.

In the evening, in the Presbyterian house of worship, in Worcester, the missionary (Mr. Stubbs) said Evening Prayer and I preached to a very large congregation, filling the building. With the removal of the only church family from here, the occasion for regular services has ceased. I am told that East Worcester offers a better opportunity. But until this mission can be divided, Schenevus and Westford to one, and Portlandville and Laurens to another, I shall discontinue the regular services at this point.

On Wednesday, March 3d, in the Baptist house of worship, at Schenevus, the Rev. Mr. Stubbs said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person.

At night, in St. John's Church, Portlandville, the Rev. Mr. Stubbs said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them; and on Thursday, March 4th, in the same Church, I preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Churchmen here have endured, from the class of Christians who call themselves liberal, a persecution as bitter and bigoted, as I have ever known. The Church, of course, has lived and thriven and grown, and God has blessed their work, who, leaving their own trades and occupations, "hewed timber out of the thick trees and brought it to the excellent work" of glorifying God. I am glad to commend the example of these good people, and to commend to the generous interest of the churchmen of Albany, the effort now making by the missionary to pay off the balance of this debt, and enable me to consecrate the Church at Portlandville formally, as it is already virtually consecrated, by such prayers and sacrifices and works. Four hundred dollars are needed to put the Church out of debt, and I am sure will readily be given.

On Friday morning, March 5, in the Baptist house of worship at Oneonta, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson said Morning Prayer. I preached, confirmed three persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Mr. Ferguson's presence here was a very courteous kindness and added much, in all ways, to the pleasure of the visitation. It was his old field of faithful, acceptable and successful work, and his coming before me prepared the candidates for confirmation here and at Otego. This thriving, beautiful village, demands a Church, and will have one as soon as a clergyman can take it in hand. A lot, I am glad to say, is now secured.

In the afternoon, in Immanuel Church, Otego, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed three persons. The parish has been needlessly, and, to my great regret, vacant since it met with the serious loss of Mr. Ferguson's resignation.

On Saturday, March 6, in St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, the Rev. Mr. Lighthipe and the Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Bainbridge, in the Central Diocese, said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the late rector, the Rev. Mr. Kidder. The spirit here is admirable. Disasters and difficulties have checked, but by no means destroyed the life. The congregation was large. The Church is very seemly, and the music was rarely good, of the right sort and well done. Being Church music, it was simple and within the power of the choir. There were no shocking failures in the attempt at startling and impossible feats of operatic display. Devotional rather than dramatic, it was an act of worship, and I was glad to feel here with St. Augustine—would that we all could feel it everywhere—"I know the great use of sacred music, and when I am more moved by the voice than by the words that are sung, then I confess I have sinned greatly and had rather not hear the music at all." I am happy to report that this Parish, long vacant, has been filled by the election of the Rev. Mr. Scofield, late of Albion, Western New York.

In the evening of the same day, after a severe uphill drive through drifts and driving snow, in Christ Church, Butternuts, the Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, the rector, and the Rev. Mr. Rulison, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them. Beside the pleasant sight of faithful work successfully done here, I ought to mention the pleasure I had

here, as elsewhere in many of the Parishes, of meeting numbers of the parishioners at an evening reception at the rectory.

On Sunday, March 7, fourth Sunday in Lent, in Zion Church, Morris, the Rev. Messrs. Rulison, the rector, and Lighthipe, said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed ten persons, and addressed them. A model country Parish is here; rich in historic tradition, clerical and lay, and with the full raciness of the old savour, living still, thank God, in those who bear the name of that great layman, Gen. Jacob Morris, and in him who reproduces here the spirit of Nash, Wheeler and the Bishop of Montana.

In the evening, in the Methodist house of worship, in Laurens, the Rev. Mr. Rulison said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person. Mr. Rulison has added this point and two others to his sufficient labors at Morris. It is, of course, too much, and other arrangements must be made, for the opening is one of great promise.

On Monday, March 8, I entered the Missionary jurisdiction of the Rev. Joel Davis, a faithful and devoted laborer. In the Methodist house of worship in Garrattsville, the Rev. Messrs. Rulison and Davis said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person. A lot has been secured here, and there is good hope that the building will soon be begun.

On the evening of the same day, in the Baptist house at West Burlington, after the Litany had been said by Mr. Rulison, I catechized and addressed the children, preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Davis. The service here was a necessity to which I sacrificed my own strong convictions against the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at night. But a Deacon, in a mission field so large that he has no neighbors, must be relieved somehow.

On Tuesday, March 9, in the morning, I preached at the Union meeting house at Exeter, or rather, Schuyler's Lake, the Rev. Mr. Davis saying Morning Prayer. Everything here has died out, services, organization, congregation and interest. It is a fair example of the idle emptiness of a pseudo union where there is no unity. Churchmen anywhere had better bide their time until they can build their own Church buildings. And I take leave to say,

that if they use a building belonging to any religious organization, they had better hire it than borrow it. It is a questionable propriety to accept as a courtesy that which one cannot return in kind. The restoration of regular services here will enable, encourage and strengthen the few remaining Church people to reorganize.

In the afternoon, in St. Luke's Church, Richfield, the Rev. Mr. Davis said Evening Prayer, and I preached. Here, as at Exeter, owing to the long absence of the Rev. Mr. Hughes, things had got into a bad way. The building had been used for other than the Church services; but the vestry promptly met my wishes on this subject, and by the appointment of Mr. Woodbury as lay reader, and the kindness of Mr. Sykes, the rector at Richfield Springs, regular Church services were resumed with very encouraging results. The Parish is near enough to Richfield Springs to be united with it under the care of one missionary, which will hereafter be done.

On Wednesday morning, March 10, in St. John's Church, Richfield Springs, the Rev. Messrs. Stanley, of Little Falls, and Sykes, the rector, said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them. The Church is a very pretty building with a small congregation in the winter months; swollen to a large number in summer. There are two sides to the consideration of the condition of Parishes like this. The influx of the tide of flippant and fashionable frivolity in the watering place seasons, during which, for a time, the world, the flesh and the devil run riot, brings with it, beside, a noble number of earnest Church folk. The preparation for, the engrossment in, and the recovery from the excitement, use up a large part of the year; and, apart from this, the very dependence upon the larger offerings of wealthier givers discredits and discourages the smaller alms of resident Church members. It is a partial evil, with its corresponding benefit, to which Albany, as a Diocese of summer resorts, is greatly exposed; and I may be excused for saying to my own people that they should guard carefully against the importation into their quiet and far more Christian ways, of city follies and city vices which many of these visitors bring; and for saying to *some* of the Church people who

come into these country places, that they hardly measure the harm they do by the worldliness and recklessness of their lives, setting standards of extravagance which breed discontent, and examples of excesses which engender sin. I should at the same time be guilty of a most gross ingratitude if I did not pay a deserved tribute to the generosity of those churchmen from other Dioceses whose visits to these resorts of health have left large benefactions behind them. Caldwell, Bolton and Sharon Springs, are standing monuments of this charity which makes Bethels of our Bethesdas.

On the evening of this same day, after a most difficult drive which delayed our arrival, in Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, I preached and confirmed eleven persons. The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen and Gibson, of Central New York, had said the Evening Prayer before my arrival, and the candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Stanley, the rector. The Church is transformed into a beautiful building and being now, by the untiring devotion of its admirable rector, almost out of debt, awaits consecration.

It becomes one of the painful duties of a Bishop to be a sort of Old Mortality, and while we have great reason to thank God for His merciful consideration of us as a Diocese, the mention of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, calls for the notice of a very severe loss which we have sustained in the removal to Paradise, of the Hon. N. S. Benton, the founder and fosterer of the Parish, its first and only senior warden. I have no occasion to speak here of Judge Benton's honorable services to the State in various departments of civil and military duty. We rather thank God for the good example of His servant, who for half a century was the main stay of the Church at Little Falls, which he adorned by his example, sustained by his means, benefitted by his counsel and has bereft in his death; and who has honored the Master, he was not ashamed to own before men, in a life of great diversity, and, if I may so say, great publicity, toned throughout by uprightness, integrity and religion. Judge Benton died on the twenty-ninth of June. On the twenty-seventh of May, I had seen him at the meeting of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, when I was impressed with the clearness, and quick-

ness and cheerfulness of his mind and manner. I have elsewhere acknowledged the service he rendered to this Diocese as a member of that committee.

From Little Falls, which is the strong Church of Herkimer county, I pursued my visitation to the other points in the county. In the old Trinity Church, Fairfield, the mother of the Churches here, more than three-score years old, the Rev. Mr. Webb, the missionary, and Stanley, said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed two persons. Small as this Parish, is it has traditions of venerable sacredness, and new sanctity in the death of its last rector, the Rev. Joshua L. Harrison, whose life was laid down almost under the eaves of the Church building. After the service, I passed through Middleville, where, in the grave of very tender memories, is buried the corner stone of a Chapel. They will both have their resurrection to a holy and useful life, and I look for the day not far off when, under a new arrangement, this will become the central point of a vigorous missionary enterprise into the spiritual wilds of Herkimer county. In the Union meeting house at Norway, in the afternoon of this day, the Rev. Mr. Webb said Evening Prayer and baptized an adult. I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them. The organization here is as old as 1823, but it is very small for its age, has no Church building, and but four communicants, but it deserves, as it demands, our fostering care.

In the evening, in the Universalist house of worship at Newport, the Rev. Mr. Webb and I said Evening Prayer, and I preached. The village of Newport is a most beautiful, thriving and important place. I cannot see why the Church should not be vigorously and successfully planted here.

But at present what can be done till more will come out to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Too much cannot be said of the fidelity and devotion of the missionary here. No jurisdiction in Christendom can point to more untiring missionary workers than Stubbs and Davis in Otsego county, Cook and Winkley in the North, Slade in Schoharie, and Webb here. But this field is enormous in difficulties, distances and duties—a circuit of forty

miles to be traveled, very often on foot, through drifts and cold, that vindicate the names of the two adjoining townships, Norway and Russia, and in it four stations, four Sunday Schools and four services. I wish my brethren of the laity could realize what clerical work and clerical life are here. A missionary in such a point has to endure things which we clergymen never dream of, (at least I never did,) bitter opposition from without, and too often lukewarm and critical support from within, with isolation from clerical sympathy and society, very little social enjoyment, small Churches, small congregations, small salaries. I thank God for the faith that is in them, (and I believe it too,) of the day when "the last shall be first." But we, brethren, Bishops, prominent rectors, wealthy laymen, first now, why shall we not be last then, if we let this go on, if we shut up our bowels of compassion from such brethren as these are? I call upon you with the intenseness of all best human impulses and instincts, and with the weight of my official duty to them, to come up to your duty in their behalf. Fill up the treasury of this Diocese that its official channels may be open always to convey the stipends of these missionaries to them fully and promptly. And beside that remember, that personally, I am their next friend. Use me as your almoner for them. Your duplicates of books, your magazines and newspapers read, a little fraction of the money made in some one of your worldly ventures, such things would hold up hands that are heavy, strengthen knees that are bent in anxious prayers first for the Kingdom, and next for their daily bread; lift up heads that hang down in honest shame; lighten hearts that are heavy enough with official anxiety, not to need the burthen our indifference adds to them of worldly care.

On the morning of Friday, March 12, in Christ Church, Herkimer, the Rev. Mr. Jennings, of Central New York, and Messrs. Stanley and Webb said Morning Prayer. The rector, the Rev. Mr. Wood, baptized two adults, and I preached, confirmed four persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gibson, of Central New York. I am very glad to find that "the bars shine faint" between the Central Diocese and our own, as

the frequent and most welcome presence of border clergymen at my visitations, attests. I trust it may be long before the five Dioceses forget the historic unity and dignity and catholicity of old New York; and *not* long before they are formally, practically and powerfully united, into what I am not afraid to call the Province of New York.

In the afternoon of the same day, in the Methodist house at Ilion, the Rev. Dr. Gibson and Mr. Stanley said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person.

I shall have more to say of this place in connection with another visitation here. Its existence is due to the energy and catholic spirit of the rector of Herkimer, whose Parish, a model in many ways, offers one example which I wish we all might follow, in the establishment and support of an excellent and successful Parish school; and who, deprived of Ilion by the appointment of a missionary here, has found a fresh field for the Church in Mohawk, where he is holding regular services.

This ended my visitation of the counties of Otsego and Herkimer. In Otsego county there are seventeen places where the Church is at work, two strong Parishes, the rest more or less weak, one Parish and one mission station vacant, one clergyman with four stations, two clergymen with three stations each, and two with two stations each. In Herkimer county there are eight stations, two Parishes strong, the others very weak, and only four clergymen, one of whom has the care of four stations.

On Saturday, March 17, in the vestry room of St. Peter's Church, I held the Canonical examination, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Payne and the Rev. Mr. Russell, presbyters, of the Rev. E. B. Allen, deacon; and on Thursday, March 18, in St. Peter's Church, I advanced the Rev. E. B. Allen, deacon, to the sacred order of Priest. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Boardman and Wainwright and Russell. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Payne. I preached the sermon and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Payne and E. H. Potter, and the Rev. Messrs. J. H. H. Brown and W. B. Walker.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 23, in St. Paul's Church, Troy, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Drs. Potter and Tucker, and the Rev. Messrs. Widdemer and Mulford. I confirmed six persons, presented by the Rev. Dr. Coit, the rector, and addressed them. The new Chapel building will make this venerable Parish more than ever well liking and fruitful in its dignified age.

On Saturday, March 27, Easter Even, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, the Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed thirty-six persons, (one in private the day before) making thirty-seven, and addressed them. Other confirmations later make the number in this Parish forty-two. It was a service of tender interest to me, as for other reasons, so from the fact that it was the last class I shall be permitted to prepare and present.

On the evening of Sunday, March 28, Easter Day, in St. Paul's Church, Albany, the rector, the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed 27 persons and addressed them. St. Paul's has taken a noble stand in live work and live worship. The singing this evening, led by a choir of children near the chancel steps, was most inspiriting and beautiful. The last hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," taken up by the large congregation and sung by people standing in the aisles, and crowded out into the vestibule and on the steps, really brought all our hearts "nearer to God."

Tuesday. March 30, Easter Tuesday, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany, the Rev. Messrs. Reese, Boardman, the rector, Downie and Walker, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed sixteen persons, (one being from St. Paul's.) The service was shadowed only by the fact of the rector's resignation, which took effect the next day.

Saturday, April 3, in the evening, in Christ Church, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Tucker and the Rev. Messrs. Townsend, McAllister, of New York, and Widdemer, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed seven persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Joseph W. Mulford. The Church has been greatly changed and greatly improved in the interior, which is impressive and beautiful.

April 4, First Sunday after Easter, in Trinity Church, Albany, the rector, the Rev. Mr. Selkirk, said Evening Prayer

and catechized the children, and I addressed them, confirmed 12 persons and addressed them. The introduction of the children into the service was very grateful to me, and I shall always be more than happy, whenever it can be arranged, to see the children and talk to them in my visitations.

In the evening of the same day, in Trinity Church, West Troy, the Rev. Messrs. Chapman, Adams and Walker, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed 16 persons presented by the rector, the Rev. John Townsend, and addressed them. The Rev. Dr. Tucker was present, and the service was in all ways most cheering in its evidences of growth and strength.

Tuesday, April 6, in St. Ann's Church, New York, I had the privilege of taking part in the service admitting three Christian women into the sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, preaching the sermon, and assisting the Bishop of New York in the celebration. The awakened life of the Church in this department of sanctified philanthropy, is slowly reaching us. Nothing is more important than the wise organization for work of this sort—of men and women set apart for the work. The only argument against it is that last of all resorts, the exaggeration of its abuses. The living argument for it, is the growth of Rome's organic errors gilded into attractiveness to the practical philanthropic spirit of the age, by the power of Rome's organized charities. It is lawful and needful and high time to learn from the enemy, and to sanctify the widespread benevolence of American men and women by giving it the direction and benediction of the Church: that the "cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple" may not lose its heavenly reward.

At night, in Christ Church, Newark, I had the great pleasure of greeting friends and brethren and fellow-workers of other days, at a meeting of the Northern Convocation of New Jersey, before which, by request, I preached the sermon.

On Thursday, April 18, in Emmanuel Church, Boston, I took part in the consecration of the Rev. Frederick Dan Huntington, D.D., Bishop elect of Central New York, to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God. It was a noble service and a bright aus-

picious day. The Bishop of Kentucky, presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops, and the Bishops of Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Western New York, Colorado, Maine, Oregon, Long Island and Albany, were present, and it was a touching, and I trust an ominous feature of the service, that the five Bishops of the State of New York knelt together in the order of their consecration to receive the Holy Communion. But for the providence that I was "in Christ before" him, and the accident of my consecration occurring before his, it would be presumption in me to say, with what high hopes the American Church welcomes to the Episcopate, a man, my elder and better, whose previous ministry, in pastoral fidelity, in missionary interest and in the tokens of the highest intellectual and spiritual culture, gives such brilliant assurance of success.

On Sunday, April 11, Second Sunday after Easter, in the evening, in St. John's Church, Troy, the Rev. Drs. Tucker and E. N. Potter, the Revs. J. H. Babcock, of New York, and Fisher, said Evening Prayer. I preached, confirmed sixteen persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Walsh, and addressed them. The Rev. Dr. Coit and the Rev. Mr. Widdemer were present. The life of this Parish is not only taking the direction of a re-arrangement and re-adornment of the chancel, but is developing its mission work by the aid of a noble individual benefaction, into a Mission Church.

On Monday, April 12, in the evening, in St. George's Church, Schenectady, the Rev. Dr. Payne, the rector, and the Rev. Messrs. Wainwright and Weil, said Evening Prayer, and the rector baptized three adults. I preached, confirmed five persons, and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Burd, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, was present.

Tuesday, April 13, in the evening, in Christ Church, Schenectady, the Rev. Dr. Payne and the Rev. Mr. Wainwright, the rector, said Evening Prayer. I preached and confirmed two persons. The strong age of old St. George's, and the stirring youth of the daughter Parish, attest at once the fidelity of the workers and the promise of the field.

On Wednesday, April 14, in the evening, in St. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, the Rev. Mr. Slade, the missionary, said Evening

Prayer, and I preached, confirmed six persons, and addressed them. Through privation and actual suffering, the missionary has planted a foothold here for the Church which promises well. The generous kindness of a friend in St. Peter's Parish, Albany, has made available the patient exertions of Mr. Slade to secure a parsonage. When finished, there will be a mortgage on it of about $2,000 loaned for its completion, which I am sure the churchmen of the Diocese will pay.

The importance of a parsonage in every Parish cannot be overstated. It is the surest way to secure and retain a clergyman, whose efficiency is doubled by a sense of permanence and the feeling of home.

I believe the Bishops in Canada are thoroughly wise, in beginning their new missions by erecting the parsonage, in which the clergyman is fixed, before he builds his Church. I am sure no Parish is stable and no clergyman settled, without one.

I take occasion here to say a word to the Clergy about their Parish Registers. They are ordered to be kept for certain ecclesiastical facts, to be carefully noted, and no personal memoranda reflecting upon persons or personal events in the Parish, ought to be entered in them, as I have found in two instances. And they are to be handed down, and not, as in the case of the Middleburgh Register, carried off by the clergyman, who, I am sorry to say in this instance, refuses all demands from the Parish or from me to return it. Apart from their great importance in establishing facts of marriage and births, these records grow to have great historical value in time, and I beg the clergy of this Diocese to be thorough, accurate and systematic in their keeping.

On Thursday, April 16, in the morning, in the Methodist house of worship, in Schoharie court house, I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Slade. St. Andrew's, Schoharie, has no "local habitation," and not much more than a name. The Church people have almost all gone away. There is a lot belonging to the Parish, and I trust it may be revived. It is not to our credit that Middleburgh and Sharon Springs,

should be the only living stations in Schoharie county. Cobleskill, at least, should be reached soon.

On the evening of the same day, in Trinity Church, Sharon Springs, the Rev. J. I. Forbes, the missionary, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed seven persons, and addressed them. The Church and parsonage together here, and each alike substantial, suitable and beautiful, are a cheering sight, and still more cheering were the evidences of the inner up-building in the quiet, normal growth of the Parish. The Sunday school, which is carried on in the churchly way, and used for its legitimate end, has the monopoly of the village, and the children are led through it to confirmation, as the next natural thing for them to do. The service showed the real strength of the Parish, being held before the summer crowds came in, and was a beautiful service, the banners of the classes and their music adding much to its beauty and heartiness.

On Saturday, April 17, in St. Peter's, Albany, at the usual Morning Prayer, I confirmed one person from St. Paul's Church, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Coit, the rector, presenting him.

On Sunday, April 18, in Trinity Church, Whitehall, the rector, the Rev. F. N. Luson, said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed forty-six persons, and addressed them and celebrated the Holy Communion. Everything tended to make this a *white* day—the weather, the congregation, the number of the confirmed and communicants, the music, the flowers, and the loving heartiness and unity of the people. Mr. Luson's four years of work have been richly blessed. The beautiful new Church has been built in this time, paid for, and the Parish lifted from great weakness, to strength and vigorous life. Imperative demands of health have required the rector's temporary absence from his post. I shall have your prayers, I am sure, beloved, that he may be restored to it and to us, renewed in strength, and ready for more of just such work.

On Sunday night, in Trinity Church, Granville, the Rev. Mr. Luson said Evening Prayer and I preached, and on Monday morning I preached again and celebrated the Holy Communion. The

congregations were excellent in this beautiful Church, which after six years' vacancy is now, thank God, filled, and will soon give a good report of itself.

Monday, April 19, in the afternoon, in St. Paul's Church, Salem, the rector, the Rev. Mr. Davis, catechized the children. I addressed them, joined with great pleasure in their singing at this and the evening service, in which they made the choir, when the rector and the Rev. Mr. Luson said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed eight persons, and addressed them.

On Tuesday, April 20, in St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, the Rev. Messrs. Davis, Luson and Wenman said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. Temporary difficulties have checked for awhile the good work begun here by the Rev. Clarence Buel. Mr. Wenman's resignation, to take the Parish at Rensselaerville, I should regret more but that it transfers an earnest worker to another important part of the Diocese. Meanwhile, for the time, Mr. Davis has very kindly added the care of Cambridge to his ample and admirable labors at Salem.

On Wednesday, April 21, at St. Paul's Church, Kinderhook, the Rev. Messrs. James H. Tyng and Wm. R. Johnson said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed one person, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Danker and Downie. The Rev. Messrs. Jarvis and Morrow, of Virginia, and Cooley, of Mass., were present. This Parish is a marvel to me. It is autocephalous. Without a rector for some years, it grows and thrives. The Church has been removed, repaired and beautified; the music is admirable, and the departments of parochial work all seem to go smoothly and steadily on. How it is I do not know. It is an example which I shall be sorry to see followed, except so far as the earnestness of the laity is concerned. But the fair argument is: if so much can be done "in the dry tree," without a rector, what could not be "in the green tree," when the legitimate requirements for life and growth are supplied.

On Tuesday, April 23, in the Methodist house of worship, in Lansingburgh, the rector, the Rev. B. J. Hall, and the Rev. Mr.

Ferguson said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twelve persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

On Sunday, April 25, St. Mark's Day and the 4th Sunday after Easter, I took part in the service of the centennial celebration of the incorporation of St. Peter's Church, Albany, the Right Rev. the Bishop of New York preaching the sermon and celebrating the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. E. N. Potter and the Rev. Mr. Maccarther, of Canada, and the Rev. Messrs. Fisher and Flack, of Minnesota, being present. The service was as interesting as the occasion was memorable and rare. And as the rich history of the Parish in the past opened into larger promises for the future, our common prayer was in the words of the legend which decorated the walls of the sanctuary: "The Lord God be with us as He was with our fathers."

In the afternoon, in Grace Church, Albany, the rector, the Rev. Mr. Russell, and the Rev. Messrs. Selkirk and Fisher, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed sixteen (of whom one was from St. Peter's, one from St. Paul's, and one from Trinity), and addressed them. The one thing wanting here is more room to meet the growth of the Parish answer to the energies of the rector, and make the Church self-supporting. It is one of the innumerable recommendations of what is called the free church system, that it calls for large buildings. Proprietary Chapels and Pewed Churches may be small, but the House of God in which the rich and poor meet together, and where support depends, as much on the two mites, as on the rich men's gifts, must be big enough to hold the rich and the poor too.

At night, in St. Mark's Church, Green Island, the Rev. Messrs. Adams, Danker and Townsend said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed thirteen persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Chapman, and addressed them. The Rev. Drs. Tucker and E. N. Potter were present. A lovelier service than this cannot be conceived. It was the realized beauty of holiness. And what devoutness and pain-staking patience can do in making beautiful building, music and service, without the aid of wealth, was never

better demonstrated. No one could wonder at the success of the work who shared in the glory of this worship.

On Tuesday evening, April 27, in the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush, the rector, the Rev. Dr. Clover, and the Rev. Mr. Danker, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them.

On Wednesday evening, April 28, in Bethesda Church, Saratoga, the Rev. Messrs. Wainwright, Carey and Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed seventeen persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Gibson. The Rev. Dr. Bostwick was present. What the Parish and the Diocese have lost by the resignation of Mr. Gibson, and his removal to New York, they know without my telling them. What I have lost I dare not undertake to say. But admirable as Mr. Gibson is as a Parish priest, he has still higher qualifications for that rarest and hardest work of educating boys, and the Church at large is the gainer in the establishment of a Church school, to which any churchman may well be glad to send his sons.

On Tuesday, April 30, in Christ Church, Coxsackie, the Rev. Messrs. W. R. and J. E. Johnson said Morning Prayer. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and in the evening in Trinity Church, Athens, the Rev. Messrs. J. E. Johnson and Jarvis said Evening Prayer, and I baptized the rector's infant child, preached, confirmed nine persons, and addressed them.

These Parishes, hitherto under the care of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, have separated, owing simply to their growth. The Rev. Mr. Danker is now rector of Christ Church, Coxsackie, and Mr. Johnson retains Athens. The division I believe will strengthen both Parishes, and is the best witness to Mr. Johnson's faithfulness, who I earnestly hope will be enabled to remain at Athens.

Saturday, May 1, St. Philip and St. James, in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stockport, the Rev. W. R. Johnson and J. E. Johnson said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twelve persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. W. O. Jarvis, the rector. In the afternoon

Messrs. Johnson and Jarvis said Evening Prayer, and I preached in St. Barnabas Chapel, Stottville. This Chapel is the result of the sense of responsibility devolving upon two Christian men for the consecration of their wealth and for the sanctifying of the work whereby they have their wealth, in making provision for the religious interests of their operatives. Mr. Jarvis adds this to his care, and ministers most faithfully to both congregations.

On Sunday, May 2, third after Easter, in the afternoon, in Grace Church, Waterford, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, the rector, and the Rev. Byron J. Hall said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed four persons, and addressed them. It was a sweet and beautiful service. Children's voices again, thank God, perfecting the praise. The Church is beautifully restored—the memorial glass in the windows being especially noticeable.

At night, in St. Paul's Church, Troy, by invitation of the managers, I preached a sermon in the interest of the Church Home, of the city of Troy, one of the many beneficent Christian works in which (I am glad to say it here in Albany) the live Church membership of Troy ought to provoke some other places to love and to good works. I hope the institution may grow to be Diocesan in its support and in the extension of its gracious charities. The Rev. Drs. Potter and Tucker, and the Rev. Messrs. Mulford and Danker were present.

On Tuesday morning, May 4, in Christ Church, Ballston, the Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Wainwright said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed seventeen persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Carey, and by the Rev. Dr. Babcock.

If anything had been needed to complete the pleasure of this service it was furnished by the presence and participation in it of the venerable Dr. Babcock, one of the early rectors of the Parish, which he graces and blesses still with his residence and loving interest. In the face of such a fact as the residence among us still of this faithful man who has given himself, and given three such sons besides, to the Master's closer service, I am sure that the Convention will act upon the proposition of the Committee

on the Constitution and Canons giving to such as he the full status of his office. I have no hesitation in avowing my own conviction that *orders* and not occupation entitle clergymen to vote. But a claim like this stands upon the higher grounds of acknowledging and respecting the past services of a priest who worked hard while it was called day, and has more than earned the right to rank us all in every honorable recognition.

Wednesday, May 5, in the vestry of St. Peter's Church, I presided at a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

Thursday, May 6, the Ascension Day, in the morning, at St. Peter's Church, Albany, I preached, confirmed three persons presented by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, who read the Morning Prayer, and I celebrated the Holy Communion.

The same day, in the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, after a most reverent and beautiful service, which according to the custom of the Church was choral throughout, the Rev. Dr. Tucker, the Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Danker, and the Rev. Mr. Peck, of Vermont, taking the service, I preached and confirmed thirty-three persons and addressed them. I have a birth-right to honor the venerable and beloved traditions of this holy and admirable work, sacred with the love of the living and the memories of the faithful departed. Leading the movement in this country which restored to the Church in America the Service of Song in the public worship of God, the Holy Cross still maintains the first place in the American Church, not merely for the beauty of its own elaborate service, nor merely for the power of the Church service when rightfully rendered, but better than either, for the assertion of the truth that praise is the highest and most heavenly act of worship, and for the restitution to the people of their right and ability to sing unto the Lord, and for the exhibition of the Church in her true position as the *educator* of children. It will be a good day for the *over-strained* minds of people, and the *over-drained* minds of clergymen when the Church shall generally adopt the sensible practice of St. Paul's and the Holy Cross, in Troy, of one sermon a day, and an afternoon service of worship that shall deserve the sweet and suggestive English name of Even-Song.

On Sunday evening, May 9, in the Church of the Transfiguration, in the city of New York, I preached the sermon before the Church Union of Columbia College.

On Wednesday, May 12, I consecrated St. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills, in the town of Moira. The Instrument of Donation was read by the missionary, the Rev. Mr. Randall, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Kidney. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Neide, Potter, Ogden and Stewart. I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Camp. The Rev. Messrs. Dolloway and Winkley, and the Rev. Mr. Hopkins were present, the latter doing good service at the melodeon. This very pretty Church is the final realization of years of patient waiting and prayerful toil. One heart was very happy in the accomplishment, and we all rejoiced with her. I hope others will learn the lesson of what can be done. In the afternoon I was present at a meeting of the Frontier Convocation, an earnest meeting of earnest men who have nobly rallied to revive and rescue the Church in this far off and almost waste region. I learned two lessons, one of which I hope you will realize to-morrow, and the other at no distant day, the value of missionary convocations, and the need of a Bishop at the North. In the evening I presided at a missionary meeting, at which Mr. Kidney, Mr. Ogden and I made addresses.

Thursday, May 13, in the morning, in St. Mark's Church, Malone, the Rev. Dr. Camp and the Messrs. Ogden, Potter, Winkley and Hopkins said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Jas. W. Stewart, and the Rev. Messrs. Neide and Randall. The children of the Sunday school gave a very beautiful Bishop's chair to the Parish, in the morning before service, and I was glad to meet them and thank them for the fact and the manner of the expression of their churchly interest. Malone really gave Robertson to Missouri (for he only took Western New York on the way), and the Church in America is already appreciating, as it will more and more, the value of the

gift. To have had Bishop Robertson and to get Mr. Stewart, are things that any Parish may be proud of and thankful for.

At night, in St. Paul's Church, Centreville, the Rev. Dr. Camp and Mr. Neide said Evening Prayer, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins being at the melodeon, and I preached.

On Friday, May 14, at night, in Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, the Rev. Dr. Camp and Messrs. Neide, Cook and Hopkins said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person, presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Ogden, whose resignation of the Parish, with all its surroundings and sequences of sorrow, was a sincere regret to me, as to many others, relieved only by his transfer to a very prominent and important position in another part of the Diocese.

On Sunday, May 16, Whitsun-Day, at night, in St. John's Church, Cohoes, the Rev. Messrs. Brown (the rector) and Hall said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them. The music, reinforced by the introduction of wind instruments beside the organ, led by a large choir, and swelled by the whole congregation, was a marked feature of the fine service. There is no more laborious Parish in the Diocese than this, which is yielding abundant fruit to wise and indefatigable labors. A sword of the very finest temper has, I am glad to say, fairly worn out the old scabbard, and the rector will soon have a new and noble Church building, *now only not* commenced.

I note here the acceptance by the wardens and vestrymen of St. Peter's Parish, on May 18, of my resignation as rector of the Parish, offered on the 2d of April, and reiterated more than once. I am not one of those who feel that the headship of a Parish interferes with the administration of a Diocese. On the contrary, I think no Episcopate complete that has not a centre, the cathedral as well as a circumference, the Diocese. But I have no ambition to *play* at a cathedral (or at anything else) which is an utter unreality, unless the seats are free, and the administration of the Parish legally, formally and finally committed to a management of which the Bishop and his clergy form an integral part with the laity. What the future has in store I do not know. God helping me, if

I live long enough the Diocese of Albany will have the *reality* of a cathedral, with all that it involves of work and worship, in frequent services, in schools and houses of mercy of every kind. In the meantime I have gladly and gratefully accepted the considerate offer of the vestry of St. Peter's. I note the fact here that I may call the attention of the Convention to the following resolution, passed by the vestry in connection with their acceptance of my resignation, which demands, I think, the recognition of the Diocese. It is in full accord with the graceful courtesy of the offer of the Church for the service of my consecration, made by the delegation and accepted by the Primary Convention of this Diocese:

"*Resolved*, That the age and location of St. Peter's Church, as well as the election of its rector to the Episcopate, suggests the establishment and maintenance of such relations with the Bishop of the Diocese as will tend to the increased dignity and importance of the Parish, the convenience of the Bishop and the benefit of the Diocese, and we therefore respectfully tender to the Bishop and Diocese of Albany the free use of St. Peter's Church edifice for all such Episcopal acts and Diocesan purposes as may be agreeable to the Bishop and beneficial to the Diocese."

Since my resignation the Parish has been under my charge, and I have done for it what I could. But it owes very much to the indefatigable faithfulness of my good deacon, Mr. Fisher.

On Thursday, May 20, in the morning, in Christ Church, Catskill, the Rev. Messrs. Pidsley and J. E. Johnson said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twelve persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Robert Weeks, under whose earnest care the very high spiritual tone of this Parish is fully maintained, and its efficiency increased by the successful establishment of a Parochial school.

In the evening, in St. Luke's Church, Clermont, the Rev. Mr. Clark, of Madalin (Diocese of New York), and the missionary, the Rev. Mr. Rowe, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed eight persons (and one afterwards in private, making nine). A good parsonage has recently been added to this sweet little country Church, which is responding with good fruit to patient and pains-taking care.

Friday, May 21, in the morning, in Trinity Church, Claverack, the Rev. Messrs. Danker and Rowe said Morning Prayer, and I

preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Downie.

In the afternoon, in Christ Church, Hudson, the rector, the Rev. Mr. W. R. Johnson catechized the children, and I addressed them, and in the evening the Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Jarvis, Danker and Rowe said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twenty persons (with one in private, previously, making twenty-one), and addressed them. Two such services, catechizings and confirmations show the sowing and the reaping of such a faithful husbandman as my good brother here is, in his whole-souled and thorough out-working of the Church. The Rev. J. E. Johnson was present.

On Sunday, May 23, Trinity Sunday, in St. Peter's, Albany, in the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, and in the afternoon I catechized the children.

At night, in St. Luke's Church, Troy, the Rev. Drs. Coit and Tucker, and the Rev. Mr. Danker, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twenty-one persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Widdemer, and addressed them.

On Tuesday morning, May 25, in St. James' Church, Fort Edward, the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Babcock, Carey, Danker and Capers said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed five persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Bostwick, and the Rev. Mr. Gibson.

In the afternoon, in Zion Church, Sandy Hill, the Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Butler, Carey and Capers said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed thirteen persons, and addressed them. This lovely Church, singularly beautiful to-day with the abundant wealth of out-door flowers, is part of Dr. Bostwick's large and most ably served cure. The Church at Fort Edward has built into the front wall a stone with this inscription, deeply cut and firmly set: "FREE SITTINGS." It shames our modern Christianity that any House of God should need this distinctive designation. The marks of the Master's presence are not in the Church nor the signs of his power in the world, where pews prevent the preaching of the gospel to the poor, and hinder, with their tendencies to

pride, the poorness of spirit without which rich men enter not into the Kingdom of God.

On Thursday, May 27, I presided at a meeting of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, the results of which are already before you. The main features of the report will, I hope, commend themselves to the Convention, especially the new Canons on the missionary work and the organization of missions. There may be, and undoubtedly are, other features of legislation very desirable which may be introduced by them and passed by the Convention, which are not contained in the report. The requirement that delegates to the Diocesan Convention should be communicants of the Church, which the report recommends, for instance, wise and essential as it is, does not go far enough. There is a gross and most injurious inconsistency of practice lying further back than this, in the easy admission into office in our Parishes of men who are not *members* of the Church. I use the word in its correct meaning, *the baptized.* I know there have been and still are difficulties in the case, but the real difficulty is the lack of faith in the right, and the readiness to truckle to wealth and influence and position. This is not a sentiment which practical advantages may outweigh. It involves a principle which no lower considerations touch. Even if the organization of Parishes be hindered by such a plainly essential restriction, the Church can be planted and the gospel preached without the organization of Parishes, as they were before Parishes were thought of; and the adoption of the proposed Canon XVI provides a trust for the holding of the property in places where Parishes cannot be organized. From my heart, and as the conviction of many years, and with no little observation, I endorse the language, none too strong, of the Rev. Dr. Thompson in dealing with this question, which I commend earnestly to the consideration of the Convention. There may be difficulties in the way of immediate legislation, which will require reference to the Committee for consideration, but I shall be sorry if this Convention shall pass the canonical requisition about lay delegates without a recommendation giving a moral weight to another truth, that only *members* of the Kingdom of Christ can be *officers* in this Kingdom.

"It has been the custom in, we believe, all our Dioceses, to elect as vestrymen and also as delegates to the Diocesan Conventions, anybody and everybody. It has not been necessary that the man be a baptized man, even 'a professing Christian,' as the phrase is, of any sort or kind. He might believe anything or nothing. He might be Unitarian, Universalist, or Infidel. The Church required no guarantees, demanded no conditions, and, nevertheless, appointed the man to legislate for her, to discuss her polity, her Prayer Book and her Canons, to help arrange her courts, to elect her Bishops, and to govern her clergy; to be the guardian, too, of her consecrated Churches, of her property, her 'temporalities,' and the adviser of her clergy, aye, even to select the pastors for her congregations!

"And there are men among us to this hour who do not see that this is a source of weakness and contempt!

"The gross absurdity of the thing has at last dawned on men's minds in some small degree, and a few Dioceses have ventured timidly to demand that a man who is chosen to legislate for the Church should be, at least in some slight degree, amenable to the laws he helps to make—that the lawmakers of the Church should be members of the Church!

"If the Lord had not made a Constitution for His Church, once for all, if He had left it to these queer 'Constitutions' that are printed in Convention Journals to be the organic law of His Church, we fear there would not be much of a Church to save at this present date!

"Office bearers in the House of God, guardians of its interests and honor, choosers of its pastors, official advisers of its clergy, and not one line of guarantee for their faith, their morals, or their Christianity! Officers in a body of which they are not members! Administrators of laws to which they owe no allegiance! That the Church has lived at all, has not sunk under such management into contempt before the whole community, is only proof that men's folly is not sufficient to destroy God's handiwork. Any Body but the Divine Body would have been ruined by such cowardly subservience to the world and its power.

"The clergy may preach and plead, but here lies the practical fact, staring them in the face, that their pleadings and preaching go square against the Church's practice! They insist on the necessity of Baptism, of Confirmation, of Communion, of public profession of the name of Christ in order to membership in the Kingdom of Heaven, and here, before all men's eyes, men are *holding office* in that Kingdom without any of these things!

"And here come the peril and the wrong to men's souls. The practical Church gives the lie to the theoretical Church! We are confusing men's consciences and deluding their souls. We are confounding things as far apart as Heaven and earth. We preach that the Church and the world are *two*, that they are distinct, and ever at war. We turn about and belie our preaching by obliterating every distinction! Is it a wonder that men take our practice and not our theories? Is it a wonder if contempt for sacred things is the result when men know, by their own characters, how little the Church guards sacred things from profane hands?

"For it is no answer to say that 'vestries merely look to the temporalities.' Even Church *temporalities* are sacred because of their connexion. But vestries are not merely guardians of consecrated property. They are the choosers of fit pastors of the flock, they are the official advisers of the ministry. They have much to do with the form and ordering of divine service.

"The Church must rise to her own principles. She must come to the point of taking her own affairs into her own hands. She must make Baptism and Communion amount to something in practice as well as on the pages of the Prayer Book."—*The American Churchman.*

I have no patience with the absurd position of those, who begrudge to the laity their due power and position in the Church of God. It is the peculiar glory of the American Church that she acts upon the apostolic and primitive order—"apostles, elders and brethren"—bishops, clergy and laity, as we would phrase it. But laymen must be *laymen*, must be *brethren*, and the laymen must protect themselves. The moral of the Church of England tending towards disestablishment (for which I thank God and

pray that it may be without the sacrilege of disendowment, such as has despoiled the Irish Church), the moral of the state of things across the water ought not to be thrown away. The relation of the State to the Church there, is simply a way of introducing, into the administration of the Church, the lay element. Within its due and specified limits it worked well. But when the appointing power of the Episcopate may be in the hands of believers in anything or nothing (whether conventional delegate or court minister); when judicial decisions, in matters involving holiest mysteries, may come from a committee not necessarily Christian; when convocations and chapters are totally ignored; when the *congé d'élire* is the grinning skeleton of a shadowy sham; when, in fact, the lay element discards and disregards the QUALIFICATION OF CHRISTIANITY, the providence of God and the consent of man require such a change as is impending in England now. I believe we are hastening to the same danger. In the tendencies of vestries to control and overrule the clergy in purely spiritual matters (or else dismiss them), and in the admission to places of trust of men disqualified in every *religious* way for filling them, I see the "handwriting on the wall;" and because I value highly the influence of the laity, and attach great importance to their position and power in the Church, I warn them to secure and perpetuate that influence and position, by correcting gross abuses, to which looseness of legislation and a courting of popularity are exposing the Church. Every man in his own order is the rule, and whether the clergy tamper with temporalities, or the laity intrude into the spiritualities, in either case it is Phaeton ousting Phœbus, and confusion is the result.

On Friday, May 28, in the Methodist house of worship at Canajoharie, the Rev. Mr. Schwartz said Morning Prayer and I preached. In the afternoon I visited Fort Plain, and urged the few Church people to make some effort. So far nothing has come of it, but I hope, before another year has gone, to report Canajoharie and Fort Plain, as mission stations, with a missionary. At present I am sorry to say that St. Polycarp's Church, Canajoharie, has only the name of existence.

At night, in St. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, the rector, the Rev. Porter Thomas, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed thirteen persons, and addressed them. Things here are prospering and promising, with a better present and a brighter future than ever before, though I am sorry to record the resignation of the excellent rector, which goes into operation on the first of next month. Mr. Thomas will carry with him the warm respect and interest of his whole Parish, and of all of the Diocese that know him.

On Saturday, May 29, I consecrated Zion Church, Fonda, the result, "in stone," of the patient sacrifice, labor and liberality of one of our foremost laymen, Judge Cushney. The memorial windows are the seals of consecrated sorrows. The Instrument of Donation was read by the missionary, the Rev. Mr. Howard, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Payne. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Wood, Wainwright, Murray and Thomas. I preached, confirmed six persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Payne and the Rev. C. H. Lancaster.

On Sunday, May 30, 1st after Trinity, in St. John's Church, Johnstown, the rector, the Rev. J. B. Murray said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. There are historic interests in this old Church, among the very oldest in the State of New York, which the new and vigorous life enhances greatly. It is a wonder to me that the body of Sir William Johnson should lie in Johnstown, close to the Church, without a slab, even, or a sentence, to mark the place.

In the afternoon, in the Presbyterian house of worship in Gloversville, the Rev. Mr. Howard (the missionary) and the Rev. Mr. Murray said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed four persons. The large and very handsome building was crowded full. The Church people were the exception. But there were enough here, and they were earnest enough, according to their ability, to demand the practical sympathy of the Diocese for the erection of a Church building and the support of a missionary. It

is a great regret to me that Mr. Howard, who has worked most acceptably here, cannot continue the charge of the mission, in addition to his own parochial labors. I cannot bear to discontinue a beginning of so much promise, and I must ask special aid for this important point. The town is busy, growing and prosperous, and we must plant the Church here, firmly and soon.

At night, in the Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, the Rev. Mr. Eastman, the rector, and I said Evening Prayer. The rector baptized an adult, and I preached and confirmed fourteen persons. The facts of this service are such a tribute to the indefatigable rector and the earnest people, that I simply state them, to convey their own rebuke to the fair-weather Christians of our city Parishes, where distances are short, and pavements relatively dry. I was obliged to change an appointment from Monday to Sunday night, and could only notify Mr. Eastman late on Saturday evening. Nothing daunted, a messenger went 18 miles to Conklinville (a part of this mission cure), to notify the people there of the fact, and six of the persons confirmed came up from Conklinville, and went back that night, through darkness and rain, 36 miles in all. Mr. Eastman's labors reach out to Glenwild, also, where he has regular services, and now since Conklinville is attached to Luzerne, he is to take Northville instead.

On Monday, May 31, in the evening, in the Methodist house of worship in Hart's Falls, in the town of Schaghticoke, the Rev. W. B. Walker, missionary, and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown said Evening Prayer, and I preached. The remains of the organization made here twenty-five years ago are just visible. But there is a promise of a resurrection which will lead, I think, to a Church building and regular services. Mr. Walker, whose hands are full enough in his own Parishes, adds this to his duty, and is kindly aided by the clergy of Troy and Cohoes. There are earnest laymen left here yet.

On Tuesday, June 1, in St. John's Church, Stillwater, the Rev. Messrs. Walker, rector, and Ferguson said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brown. A long dearth of services here has led to

something very near stagnation. But the generous piety of a faithful churchwoman has left pecuniary provision for the support of the services, and the present management of the Parish will revive it if anything can.

In the evening, in St. Luke's Church, Mechanicsville, under the care of Mr. Walker since April, he said the Evening Prayer and I preached and confirmed two persons.

On Wednesday, June 2, in the morning, at Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, the Rev. Dr. Payne and Messrs. Carey and Walker said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed nine persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. F. C. Wainwright. The Rev. Messrs. Gibson and Weil were present. This Parish is for the time disabled by a great loss in the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Betts, and by its separation from Charlton. But there is the true life and spirit here, which must succeed. Mr. Wainwright has most generously given his services to the Parish, in addition to his own duties, preparing this class for confirmation and officiating every Sunday.

On Thursday, June 3, I consecrated St. Luke's Church, Troy. The Instrument of Consecration was read by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Widdemer, the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Coit. The Rev. Messrs. Brown, Carey, Wainwright and Walker said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Tucker and the Rev. Messrs. Walker, W. R. Johnson, Mulford, Chapman and Weil. In addition to the large individual liberality of Mr. Winslow and the Messrs. Corning, and the customary missionary zeal and generosity of the churchmen of Troy, this Church owes its existence, under God, to the unwearied energy and perseverance of the rector, and to the self-denying earnestness of the people. It is a beautiful building, with a full congregation, a fine service, and the tokens of the spiritual prosperity of the Parish show that the inside building-up has been as faithful and successful as the outside.

On Sunday, June 6, second after Trinity, I had the great pleasure of rendering slight service to the Bishop of New York by visiting

three of his Parishes in his stead, and confirming in Christ Church, Riverdale, eight persons; in St. James the Less, Scarsdale, sixteen persons, and in Grace Church, West Farms, fifteen persons.

The 3d and 4th Sundays after Trinity, June 13 and 20, I spent in Boston and Hartford; and Tuesday, June 22, I had the pleasure of taking part in the consecration of St. John's Church, East Hartford. It is the third of the mission points where I held services while rector of St. John's, Hartford, that has grown into a beautiful Church building, with a strong congregation. One of them there, the memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, is the most complete Church, and one of the few finished things in America. The appropriation of the offertory at the consecration service at East Hartford, to missions in the Diocese of Albany, was a most graceful and unexpected courtesy of the rector, the Rev. J. J. McCook, with the kind approval of the Bishop.

On Thursday, June 24, I attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, which again, owing in part to Dr. Lyman's declination of the office of dean, accomplished nothing.

On Saturday, June 26, in the afternoon, in the new Church at Schuylerville, which is to be St. Stephen's, the Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Wainwright and Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed nine persons and addressed them, the missionary, the Rev. J. H. Babcock, presenting them; and immediately afterwards I laid the corner stone of St. Stephen's Parish school house, and made the address. This beautiful Church, the outgrowth of the labors, liberality and faith of a single layman, crowns and consecrates a site of unrivalled beauty, and enters on its life under the most favorable auspices of pastoral fidelity, and the complete appliances of a Parish, which is only about one-half working without its Parish school.

On Sunday, June 27, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, the Rev. Mr. Fisher assisting in the services, I preached, morning and afternoon, and celebrated the Holy Communion and catechized the children.

On Tuesday, June 29, St. Peter's Day, in Trinity Church, Rens-

selaerville, the Rev. Messrs. Wenman, the rector, and Luson said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed twenty-five persons (making, with one afterwards in private, twenty-six) and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Washbon. Three of the candidates were over 80 years old, and the service was altogether one that suggested the Church's love, care and prayers for "all conditions of men." The young and vigorous hand of the new rector is reaping here the faithful sowing of the wise and devoted husbandman who still lives to support and counsel his successor. Mr. Wenman has been prospecting for future work in the Helderberg region, giving occasional services also to Greenville, where he prepared the class for confirmation. There are openings here to which the Diocese ought at least to send an itinerant missionary, and by and by, to plant an associate mission for South Westerlo, Berne, Knox, Durham and Potter's Hollow. One Church woman in New York gave me $200 for this work, and promises continued interest.

From this point I began my visitation of Delaware county and parts of Greene county, driving through the length and breadth of its most beautiful landscape, facing, skirting, and crossing the Catskills, tracking the Delaware, from its cradle in a lowly meadow spangled with field daisies and buttercups, for seventy miles, 'till I left it at Deposit, swollen into a promise of its broad beauty, beside which linger the holiest and happiest associations of my life, and near which is the shrine of my life's highest honor, my father's grave. In a Diocese that rivals the Country in variety and magnificence of scenery, I confess that, to me, these two counties take the palm. I must pass over the details of this visitation more hurriedly than I like to. The most agreeable companionship, through the fortnight's journey, of my Rev. brother, the rector of Whitehall, the lavish hospitality of the Church folks, the kind and pleasant provision that welcomed my coming, speeded my going, and conveyed me from point to point, the delicious freshness of the weather, the exquisite landscape, and better than all, the cheering condition and prospect of the Church, made the whole journey, with all its toils, a long drawn enjoyment. The

condition of the Church throughout this country is in most respects excellent. I want workers, and money to pay them wages of which they will be worthy. Another year will tell, I trust, better things, of new points of aggression and advance of the Parishes registered in the Journals. Delhi, Franklin, Hobart and Walton, in Delaware county, are all filled now, and well filled. Bloomville, improperly recorded Bloomfield, is *not*. The opportunity for establishing the Church there for the present has past; but the rector of Delhi will seize it, if it comes again. The rector of Hobart is already extending the life of that venerable old Parish to the adjacent parts, and the rector of Walton adds to his own abundant and successful labors a care of the work at Deposit, where there is nothing yet but a name and a hope, to be cherished and nurtured into strength.

In Greene county the Parishes reported in the Journal are well filled. A change of town boundaries has put Trinity Church, Windham, in the town of Ashland, and the Parish there has built a little Chapel in Windham, which is served, as Prattsville also is, by the earnest energy of the Rev. Mr. Prout. The Rev. Mr. Boone, a deacon in Canadian orders, has just left Oak Hill, where he has done a very excellent work. I am hoping to hear every day of the settlement of a rector over this Parish and Greenville. Two nice Churches, the one at Greenville a perfect beauty, with two good parsonages, and no parson, represent a state of things suggestive of the difficulties of the Diocese, the anxieties of the Bishop, and the duty of the laity. There are memorable names associated with the Church's history in this county. Bishop Chase was at work as a deacon, in 1799, at Windham and Hobart; Samuel Gunn, the Lay Reader, came from Connecticut to Delaware county earlier than this. Windham is associated with the noble Bishop of Montana, and Deposit with the prince of American missionary priests and pioneers, Dr. Breck. The Windham Parish, small as it is, has given one to the Episcopate, two to the Priesthood, and two young men to the General Seminary, preparing for

Holy Orders. Why will not other Parishes emulate the example of Westford and Windham?

The statistics of the visitation are as follows:

On Tuesday, June 29, Feast of St. Peter, in the evening, in St. Paul's Church, Oak Hill, the Rev. Messrs. Washburn, Luson and Wenman said Evening Prayer, and I baptized four adults and two infants, and received two infants, preached, confirmed seven persons, presented by the missionary, the Rev. W. T. Boone, and addressed them.

On Wednesday, June 30, in Christ Church, Greenville, the Rev. Messrs. Luson, Pidsley and Wenman said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. W. R. Johnson.

In the afternoon of the same day, in Calvary Church, Cairo, the Rev. Messrs. Prout and Luson said Evening Prayer, the rector, the Rev. Mr. Pidsley, baptized an adult, and I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them. Mr. Pidsley is turning up the ground of the Church at South Cairo and at Acra, and cultivating very thorougly the soil of his own Parish, beside.

On Thursday, July 1, in the morning, in Trinity Church, Windham, in Ashland, the Rev. Messrs. Pidsley, Luson and Doty, of Long Island said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Prout.

In the afternoon, in St. Paul's Chapel, Windham, the Rev. Messrs. Doty, Pidsley and Prout said Evening Prayer, and I preached.

On Friday, July 2, in Grace Church, Prattsville, the Rev. Messrs. Luson and Prout said Morning Prayer, and I confirmed two persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon in St. Peter's Church, Hobart, the Rev. Mr. Willes, the rector, and Mr. Luson said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed two persons, and addressed them.

On Saturday, July 3, in the afternoon, in St. John's Church, Delhi, the Rev. Messrs. Willes and Luson said Evening Prayer,

and I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed five persons, and addressed them.

At Bloomville, where I stopped on the way, I found nothing left of the Church once started there, though I hope some seed may yet be waiting care, to spring up and bring forth fruit.

On Sunday, sixth after Trinity, July 4, in the morning, in St. Paul's Church, Franklin, where the new rector had only arrived the night before to welcome me and take care of this noble Church, the rector, the Rev. Wm. M. Ogden, and Mr. Luson said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the evening, in Christ Church, Walton, the Rev. Messrs. Luson and Ogden said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed sixteen persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and addressed them; one was afterwards confirmed, and I baptized the infant child of the rector.

On Monday, July 5, in the morning, in the Methodist house of worship, in Deposit, I preached, confirmed two persons and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Luson and Huntington.

On Wednesday, July 7, in the morning, in the Chapel of St. Mary's Church, Luzerne, after a day of welcome rest in this lovely lake-country, I said Morning Prayer, preached, confirmed six persons (and one person afterwards at Warrensburgh, making seven), and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Joined with Conklinville, this Mission Station must soon be firmly fixed, and Colonel Butler's indomitable energy will not be wasted, nor the good work done by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, while at Schuylerville, be thrown away.

In the evening, in the exquisite Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh, the Rev. Drs. Bostwick and Warren, of New York, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed seven persons presented by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Capers (besides one for Luzerne), and addressed them. Mr. Capers' resignation of the Parish, although, under the circumstances inevitable, is greatly regretted.

On Thursday, July 8, in the morning, in Christ Church, Pot-

tersville, the Rev. Mr. Capers said Morning Prayer, I baptized an infant, preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion. There is a forlorn hope here; a few Church people, from whom pecuniary support has died or drifted away. The Church is beautifully situated, but, as it seems to me now at any rate, in the wrong place. The parsonage is sadly out of repair. The congregation was large and interested, and we must try the Mission once more. If the Church were at Chester, or if a generous bequest, not yet received, of a church and lot, at the Glen, four miles away, could by consent be applied here, I should have more hope. It is Isaac's duty to dig again the wells of water which his father had digged, as well as to open the new wells in the places "where the Lord shall make room for us, and we become fruitful in the Land."

In the evening, in the lovely little Church at Caldwell, the Rev. Dr. Warren, of New York, and Mr. Matlack, of Pennsylvania, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed two persons presented by the Rev. Dr. Bostwick.

On Friday morning, July 9, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Harrisena. The Instrument of Donation (made by the vestry of the Church of the Messiah, at Glen's Falls, to whom the property is deeded,) was read by the Rev. E. E. Butler, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Bostwick, whose early missionary labors covered this ground. The Rev. Drs. Bostwick and Warren said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed one person and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Butler. The Church is a memorial to the piety and charity of Mr. John J. Harris, whose funeral was the first service held in it. It is in Mr. Butler's charge, as missionary, and gathers a goodly congregation. A special Providence of God preserved it from destruction by fire, which caught in the basement on the night of Mr. Harris' burial, burned through the floor, charring the beams, and then, as we say in our heathen way, "went out."

At night, in the Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls, a beautiful Church made more beautiful by the tasteful profusion of lovely flowers, the Rev. Dr. Bostwick and Messrs. Babcock and Butler,

the Rector, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed nine persons (one being from Sandy Hill) and addressed them. Under Mr. Butler's admirable ministry here, the fine stone church has been built, a new organ is now building, the Parish is the first in the Diocese to resign the missionary stipend and support itself, and now takes care of Harrisena, an excellent record and a worthy example. It only needs a Parsonage now, and that will come.

On Sunday, July 11, seventh after Trinity, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon catechized the children.

On Thursday, July 15, I preached the sermon by the Bishop's invitation, in Christ Church, New Brunswick, at the ordination to the Diaconate of the Rev. Francis Stubbs, the son of my father's old and faithful friend, who has lent two sons to this Diocese. Mr. Stubbs, with his Bishop's consent, is assisting the Rector of Whitehall, with especial interest in the work of reviving the Church at Ticonderoga. He is not yet transferred to the Diocese, but I trust he will be and as many more like him and his brother as there are.

On Sunday, July 18, eighth after Trinity, I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in St. Peter's, Albany, and assisted in the Evening Prayer.

On Thursday, July 22, I met with the Standing Committee of the Diocese, in St. Peter's Vestry room, to consider the request of the Rector and Vestry of St. John's, Cohoes, to take down their present Church building, with a view to the purchase of a better site and the erection of a more suitable Church. The proposition of the Vestry to *remove* the old building was most gratifying to us all, and the permission was promptly given. As the first action in the Diocese, under the new and admirable Canon of the late General Convention to stop the desecration of churches, it was an important act.

On Tuesday, July 20, I set out on the visitation through the counties comprising the Frontier Convocation. Brush's Mills, Malone and Plattsburgh, which I had visited before, I did not include.

The unrivalled beauty of the sail down Lake Champlain was only clouded by the sense of our neglected duties, as I passed Port Henry, West Port and Elizabethtown, unoccupied by the Church which has no station on the Lake from Whitehall to Essex.

In the evening, in St. John's Church, Essex, vacant then by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Weil, the Rev. Mr. Fairbanks, of Vermont, the former Rector, said Evening Prayer, and I preached to a large and thoughtful congregation gathered in this pretty vine-clad chapel, which commands one of the loveliest possible views, and perpetuates the good works and honorable memory of Mr. Ross. Mr. Hopkins is now the missionary here, and has entered, with his own energy and ability, upon a field, which ought to be in charge of an associate mission. Boquet, that was dead already, is alive again. Wadham's Mills, Whallonsburgh and Willsborough offer excellent openings which will be thoroughly tested soon.

On Wednesday, July 21, in the morning, in St. Paul's Church, Keeseville, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Cook, and Mr. Fairbanks said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed six persons and celebrated the Holy Communion. The work of the missionary, here, is another instance of labor, to and beyond the power of any one man, reaching far outside of any requirements of pay or position; and it is flavored with such self denial, ability and devotion as ensure its success and acceptance with God.

Ausable Forks is fairly under weigh with admirable promise; and Peru, Trout Brook, Black Mountain and other points are *overlooked*, in the Episcopizing sense of the word. Not meaning to put two incongruous things together, I must say that the missionary, here, ought to have a Deacon and a horse. I should like to send him the former to train for a missionary, and I shall ask the means to do it from the missionary committee, as among its most important duties. The generous interest of a churchman in Troy has secured him, for the present, a house to live in. I may be pardoned for recalling the pleasure with which I found here, and at Ausable Forks, in the presence and interest of two noble Church women, graduates of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, and, therefore, earnest upholders of the Church, the fruit of the good seed which my

father sowed broadcast, in his great work of the christian education of women.

In the afternoon, at Ausable Forks, in the Methodist house of worship, the Rev. Mr. Cook said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them. The prospect here is very good, and I hope soon to find a Church built.

On Thursday, July 22, I consecrated St. Paul's Church, Chazy. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Neide, the missionary, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Camp. The Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Winkley and Cook said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Du Vernet, of Clarenceville, Rural Dean of the Diocese of Montreal. The Rev. Mr. Hopkins took charge of the music which was, therefore, churchly, and, therefore, hearty and good. In the afternoon I presided at a meeting of the Frontier Convocation, and rejoiced in its good work; and in the evening, after Evening Prayer in the Church, at a missionary meeting, Mr. Cook, Mr. Winkley and I made the addresses. It is a very pretty Church, built, to a large extent, by his surviving family, as a memorial to the late Dr. Stevenson, "who found favor before God and desired to build a tabernacle for the God of Israel." The clergy will remember gratefully with me the genial hospitality of our two days visit here, and I trust the good people here will remember, in a practical way, the faithful and hitherto gratuitous service of the Rev. Mr. Neide.

On Friday, July 23, in Christ Church, Rouse's Point, the Rev. Messrs. Randall, Winkley, Neide and Hopkins said Morning Prayer, Mr. Stewart saying the Litany, and I preached, confirmed forty-two persons (with one afterwards in private and two at Champlain, making forty-five), addressed them and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Camp, the Rector, Dean Du Vernet and Mr. Cook.

Here, again, I find the concurrence of such work and worship, as explain each other. The whole service was alive with devotion and reverence. The children's music would have made stones cry out, if such hardness could have stayed unsoftened in that

atmosphere. The number confirmed speaks for itself. Many of them were children, and, if I read rightly the precedents and purposes of Confirmation, it is especially for children whose age, left undefined, is measured not by years but by such ripeness in religion and quickness of conscience as make very tender years, sometimes, years of discretion, of discernment, that is, between right and wrong with the desire to serve God, and the need, therefore, of His grace. Their admission to so solemn a position implies great discernment before, and great devotion afterwards, in the Pastor, and these both were here; and, these being present, I trust that Christian parents, more and more, will learn the lesson of the Child Samuel and the Holy Child Jesus in the Temple of the Lord.

In the evening, in St. John's Church, Champlain, the Rev. Dr. Camp and the Rev. Messrs. Randall, Cook and Winkley said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed six persons (besides the two reported before for Rouse's Parish) and addressed them. The Rev. Messrs. Neide, Stewart and Hopkins were present. This was another fine service, betokening faithful work under many disadvantages and drawbacks. A car load of Church people from Rouse's Point accompanied us, and added not a little with the cheer of their company, and the evidences of their sympathy, to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. Neide has been far-reaching in his fidelity to our Northern Missions.

On Saturday, July 24, in the morning, in St. Paul's Church, Centreville, the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Neide said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Neide and Hopkins.

In the afternoon, in St. Peter's Church, Ellenburgh, the Rev. Messrs. Randall and Neide said Evening Prayer, and I baptized an infant and preached.

These are sad places in their emptiness and desolation, waste places of Jerusalem. At Centreville, the property, through the faithfulness of Mr. Tomlinson, the Warden, is in good repair. But here "the swallows had found them a nest" in a way undreamed of by the Psalmist, and their fluttering at the unusual

intrusion into their undisturbed dwelling place suggested the forlorn desertion of this house, built in the faith and fear of God by the devoted exertions of Dr. Coit, of Concord. The people here are not to be blamed, for they are few and weak, and the name of life that still remains is due to the faith and zeal of a venerable Church woman, a true Mother in Israel, who waits, as it were, to see the salvation of God. I mean that she shall not be much longer disappointed, for I hope to establish a mission in these two points, adding Chateaugay, for the present, to them.

At this point I dropped the last of the clergy, and felt greatly the loss of their delightful companionship.

On Sunday, July 25, St. James, and ninth Sunday after Trinity, in Trinity Church, Potsdam, the Rev. Mr. Kidney said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed eleven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The Parish here is strong in every way, clerical and laical, in spirit and in substance. "Thrust out a little from the land," on an island in the Raquette river, it is attractive inside for its service and outside for its situation and beauty. The Frontier Convocation owes its energy, if not its existence, to the Rector of Potsdam, and we all owe a great deal to the Frontier Convocation.

In the afternoon, in the Methodist house of worship, at Potsdam Junction, the Rev. Mr. Winkley, the Missionary, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them.

On Monday morning, July 26, in the beautiful stone building, Grace Church, Norfolk, the Rev. Mr. Winkley said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, in the Town Hall, at Massena, the Rev. Mr. Winkley said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

These three points cover Mr. Winkley's missionary field, in which he has wrought, with an untiring energy and fidelity, through difficulties that would have discouraged a man of less faith. It is too large for any one missionary, and yet, for the

present, it cannot be divided. At Massena and Potsdam Junction the promise is good, and Norfolk has a fair congregation and an unusually good church, needing repairs but substantial. A Parish has been organized at Massena, and in time something will come of it. How many missionaries will be worn out and wearied out first, remains to be seen, and depends on the liberality of churchmen in the Diocese. This is one of the points towards which I hope to attract your earnest and practical interest in all this year.

On Tuesday, July 27, I consecrated the little cemetery on Barnhardt's Island; and afterwards, in the upper room of the school house, the Rev. Messrs. Kidney, Winkley, and Laurens, of the Diocese of Ontario, said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Patten. It is pleasant anywhere to record the interchange of courtesies across the border; but in this instance there is the added duty of recognizing the faithful service of several years which the Archdeacon has rendered here. The Island, though belonging to us is nearer the Canada shore, and the Archdeacon or his curates, winter and summer, often through inclement and difficult crossings (there is a tradition of his swimming it once), has taken most kind charge of the little flock here. I am glad to say he continues the care, to the great comfort of the people, and to my great satisfaction. The services here were primitive and simple, and most pleasant; and the open-handed and whole-hearted hospitality, the almost patriarchal dignity of the four living generations of the family who own and name the island, make the memories of the day very fresh and fragrant. It was a Bishop's first visit, and I trust it may not be my last.

On Wednesday, July 28, in St. Paul's Church, Waddington, the Rev. Mr. Clemson said the Morning Prayer, and I said the Litany, preached, confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Clemson and the Rev. Mr. Louckes, of the Diocese of Ontario. The Church is old enough to be historic with honorable names in the past and present, and with the always attractive memorials of

other days. It is St. Paul's, New York, in miniature. During the vacancy, now I am glad to say supplied, while the lay people have done well, they are greatly indebted, as I am, to the Rev. Mr. Clemson for his wise and earnest interest, and energy in officiating at the services and discharging the pastoral duties of the Parish.

In the afternoon, in the Universalist house of worship, at Madrid, I said Evening Prayer and preached, and afterwards baptized an infant.

On Thursday morning, July 29, I consecrated Trinity Church, Gouverneur. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. E. Dolloway, the rector, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Kidney. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Neide, Winslow, of Central New York, Clemson, of New York, and Potter. I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Babcock and Mr. Ely, of Central New York, Carter, of Minnesota, and Winkley. Earnest exertions and generous giving must have combined to accomplish the result of building this Church, and its freeing from debt during the last year, is greatly due to the exertions of the rector. It is a beautiful building, and the whole service was very satisfactory and encouraging. It was pleasant, too, to re-assemble the clergy.

On Friday, July 30, in Grace Church, Canton, I met the Sunday school children, and received and acknowledged their gift of a very handsome Bishop's chair to the Parish; and afterwards the Rev. Messrs. Clemson, Neide, Ely and Carter said Morning Prayer, the Rev. Francis Harison, of New York, saying the Litany, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the rector, the Rev. Mr. Potter, and Rev. Messrs. Kidney and Winkley. The Rev. Messrs. Atwell, of Massachusetts, Rich and Dolloway were present.

In the evening, in the same Church, the Rev. Messrs. Dolloway, Atwell, Ely and Carter said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them. The Church is strongly rooted here from the best New York stock, in a thriving and beau-

tiful village, overshadowed by a great Universalist college. A good work is doing by the rector and some christian men in the Parish at the county almshouse, and Mr. Potter's energy is developing new and very important outside missionary fields. All who were with me, here, will keep long in mind the enjoyment of the hospitalities of a charming christian home.

On Saturday, July 31, in the evening, in the little school house at Morley (which looks like a Church, or at least like a Church school, as I wish it were), the Rev. Messrs. Potter and Frank Harison said Morning Prayer, and I preached and addressed the children, after they had been catechized by Mr. Potter. There is a noble promise of work here, with every earnest of success. Madrid and Morley will be joined, and I shall hope to send a missionary here very soon. Mr. Potter has looked after Morley, as he has after Clifton and the county almshouse, besides his regular duties at Canton.

In the evening, in the Church at Lisbon, the Rev. Messrs. Harison and Potter said Evening Prayer, and I baptized four infants and preached. The Church here is a substantial and churchly building, barring the chancel. It has been recently repaired, through the exertions of a New York Churchwoman, and a lot has been bought for a parsonage. The town is small, and not increasing. It stands beautifully on the banks of the noblest of all rivers, the St. Lawrence, and judging from the earnest interest and large size of the congregation, the Parish will grow, now that it is connected as a mission with St. Paul's, Waddington, and under the care of the Rev. Mr. Thorpe.

On Sunday, August 1, tenth after Trinity, in the morning, in St. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, the Rev. Mr. Ely, of Central New York, said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed seventeen persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Peters. There is real strength and the stir of life in the Church here. A new Church is in immediate prospect, and the Parish is second in influence and importance to none in the Diocese. I could have wished that the new Church were to be built upon another site, so that more accommodation ought to have been secured.

But every outlay and enterprise for the greater glory of God is too gladly hailed, and I am quite sure that a mission Church will be built soon by the contagion of this work. The future of the Church in Ogdensburgh I believe to be full of dignity and prominence as the cathedral city of a new See. And I am glad to feel that this future is laid upon the best of all foundations, the rare token of stability in the residence of the Rev. Dr. Peters, who has grown into the deep affections of his people by a rectorship of thirty years. Here, again, the old New Jersey associations were most grateful.

In the afternoon, by the courtesy of my kind host, Mr. Averell, the vestry and some of the parishioners accompanied me in his steam-yacht to Morristown, eight miles up the St. Lawrence, where in Christ Church the Rev. Dr. Peters and the Rev. K. L. Jones, of the Diocese of Ontario, said Evening Prayer, and I baptized an infant, preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them.

The music and the whole service were delightful. The font bloomed with lily buds born in the water,

> "That alternate sink and heave
> Where small waves ebb and flow;"

and one could hardly realize, in the fact and faces of the congregation, the heaviness of heart that had been with them in the long two years' illness of their rector, his death and the dreary vacancy that followed, ended, I trust now, by the election of the Rev. Jas. H. Tyng.

Of the Rev. Dr. Humphrey's life and death, I know but little. The deep feeling evinced by his people when I spoke of his loss, their reverent recollections of him, and the tradition of his devotion in work, his patience in suffering and his faith in death, are the best tribute that can be paid to any priest. His is the only name we have to place upon the list of the clergy entered, out of this new Diocese, into the Paradise of God. It is not long, I know, since we were here. But in this changeful world only a short time is needed to make great changes, and while we thank the good Lord who has spared us all, may we take to heart the warning, and emulate the example, of our brother's death and life.

On Wednesday, August 4, I confirmed in private one person, a parishioner of Trinity Church, Albany.

On Thursday, August 5, in the morning, in Christ Church, Cooperstown, at a second visitation of the parish, the Rev. Mr. Buel, the Rector, and Dr. Beach of New York, and A. H. Stubbs, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed five persons.

On Friday, August 6, in the quaint and venerable building of Christ Church, Duanesburgh, the Rev. Mr. Eastman and I said Morning Prayer, and I preached. The old Parish misses and mourns its beloved Rector, the Rev. Dr. Lowell, as well it may, and as we all do. I trust that the place may soon be supplied. Its filling is another question. Meanwhile it is to the credit of past training and present practice, that in the middle of "haying" such a congregation of farmers gathered for the service. There is a fine parsonage and a glebe, and the situation is beautiful. The work ahead involves, I hope soon, the fulfilment of a cherished hope of Mr. Duane, the building of a chapel at Esperance, six miles away, where already he has gathered and sustains a successful Sunday-school.

On Sunday, August 8, the twelfth after Trinity, I celebrated and preached in St. Peter's, Albany, and said the Evening Prayer.

On Tuesday, August 10, I laid the corner-stone of the new Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, whose beauty will be given to God *for the ashes and from the ashes* of the old wooden building, sacred with venerable associations, but far less worthy of its sacred use than this will be. The clergy present were the Rev. Drs. Nelson of Maryland, Fairbairn of New York, Tucker and Potter; and the Rev. Messrs. Hall (the Rector), Widdemer, Ferguson, Brown, Cary, Danker, Adams, Thorpe, Walker, Fisher and Tripp, of New York. Immediately afterwards I consecrated the chapel of the Parish to be used at present for the services, and afterwards for the Sunday-school and other sacred uses. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Hall, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Brown. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Nelson, Fairbairn and Tucker, and the Rev. Messrs. Cary and Danker, the Morning Prayer having

been said by the other clergy present. The example of this Parish cannot be too strongly commended for practical good sense and prompt energy, and for pious liberality. The service was delightful, and the Vestry entertained the Clergy afterwards most hospitably.

During my two weeks' holiday, I preached three times in Calvary Church, Cairo, and celebrated and preached once in Christ Church, Greenville.

On Sunday, August 29, fourteenth after Trinity (the only Sunday on which St. Peter's was closed), I said Morning Prayer, and preached, and said Evening Prayer in St. Paul's Church, Albany.

On Monday, August 30, I confirmed in private one person, a parishioner of St. Peter's Church, Albany.

On Thursday, September 2, I consecrated the Church of St. Sacrament, at Bolton, Lake George. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Wm. F. Lewis, of Maryland, minister in charge, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Fred. B. Van Kleeck, of the Diocese of New York, one of the trustees. The service was choral throughout and beautifully rendered, Mr. Messsiter and one of the boys from Trinity, New York, leading the music. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Ferguson and Messrs. Oberly, Stevenson and Locke, of New York. The Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck preached the sermon. I confirmed four persons and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Tuttle and Mr. Crary, of New York, and the Rev. E. N. Potter, D. D., E. E. Butler, Luson and Danker. It is only the truth, and it is the highest praise, to say that the Church, the service and the spirit of the day, were worthy of the place. On the shore of Lake George, where everything is beautiful, Bolton is most beautiful of all. Of all that lingers in the memory, it is hard to say what is the most lovely, the day, the situation, the Church itself, the service, the sweet memory of the departed "by the sea of glass;" or the thankful, well earned, unassuming joy of *one* heart in whose loving and pious purpose this exquisite work was born, and the holy-day hospitality, with waving flags, pealing bells and boom-

ing guns that welcomed us to the beauty of this almost consecrated lake.

On Friday, September 3, in the Academy at Ticonderoga, the Rev. Mr. Luson, the Missionary, said the Litany, and I preached and confirmed seven persons, and immediately after I laid the cornerstone of the Church of the Cross, and made the addresses, the Rev. Mr. Luson and Francis Stubbs being present. This is eminently a work of restoration. The pious hopes and efforts of the past, thwarted for a time by disaster and desertion, are waking to life and growth.

On Saturday, September 4, I consecrated St. James' Church, Caldwell, Lake George. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. R. F. Crary, of New York (once the Rector), and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck, of the Diocese of Long Island. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Crary and Locke, of New York, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Tuttle and Van Kleeck. The very beautiful church, fitting in suitably with the unrivalled beauty of its surroundings, replaces a smaller wooden building, blown down instantly upon its consecration. It completeness is due, under God, not more to the generous givings of churchmen from without, than to the patient persevering faith of the few resident churchmen here, whose number I am glad to say is growing.

On Sunday, September 5, fifteenth after Trinity, I said Morning Prayer, preached and celebrated, and said Evening Prayer in St. Peter's, Albany; and also said Evening Prayer and preached in Trinity Church, Albany.

On Monday, September 6, in the evening, in St. Paul's Church, Charlton, the Rev. Messrs. Wainwright and Carey said Morning Prayer, and I baptized the Rector's infant child, preached, confirmed three persons (one in private), and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Payne and the Rector, the Rev. Elias Weil. Two of the three confirmed were from the mission at Glenville, which the separation from Burnt Hills enables and encourages the Rector to develope.

On Thursday, September 9, I consecrated Christ Church, West

Burlington. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Joel Davis, the Missionary, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Rulison. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Stubbs and H. G. Perry, of the Diocese of California, and I preached, confirmed nine persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hughes, Buel, Rulison and Davis. Many things have contributed to the success of this work, in the beautiful building and spirited service. The chapel is largely a memorial building, to which Mr. Moss has generously contributed. But the people all willingly offered themselves, and the present missionary treads faithfully in the footsteps of the venerable Mr. Hughes, as the builder up of the Churches in Otsego county.

On Friday, September 10, I consecrated the Morris Memorial and All Saints' Chapel, at Morris. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Lighthipe, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Mr. Rulison. Morning Prayer was said by and the Rev. Messrs. Scofield, Stubbs, Davis, Perry, of California, and Lewis of Central New York, and I baptized an infant, preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ayrault, of Central New York, and the Rev. Messrs. Hughes and Rulison.

The chapel complete, substantial and beautiful, is built in memory of Gen. Jacob Morris, by his lineal descendants. His name is most honorably connected with the very beginning of the Church in this county, and lives still, in something more than name, in those who do him honor and carry on his work. It is the All Saints' memorial as well, linking in other names, as well as his, in the communion of saints. The little child, knit together with them all in the baptismal service to-day, was one of Gen. Morris' descendants, and bore in part his name.

In the evening, in Christ Church, Butternuts, at my second visitation, the Rev. Messrs. Perry and Lighthipe, the rector, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed two persons.

On Sunday, September 12, sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, in

the morning, I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Albany, and in the afternoon I said Evening Prayer and catechized the children.

On Monday, September 13, I laid the corner stone of the Church of St. Augustine, Ilion. The Rev. Drs. Van Deusen and Gibson, of Central New York, and the Rev. Messrs. Wood, Thomas, Stanley and Lancaster, the missionary, were present, and I made the address. The faithful labors of Hedges and Wood are followed up by the admirable missionary here, and the spirit of the people and the promise of the place are most encouraging. The arrangement for the service and for the entertainment were perfect, and will set the fashion, I hope, for all such occasions.

September 14, in the Vestry Room of St. Peter's Church, Albany, I presided at a meeting of the Missionary Committee.

On Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, I held the Canonical examination of the Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker, Deacon, and the Rev. Joel Davis, Deacon, candidates for Priest's Order. The examinations were conducted very thoroughly, by the Rev. Drs. Coit and Tucker, my examining Chaplains, and in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn and Messrs. Selkirk and Russell.

And on Sunday, September 19, the seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, and the Autumnal Ember Sunday, in St. Peter's Church, Albany, I advanced the Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker and the Rev. Joel Davis, Deacons, to the sacred order of Priesthood. Morning Prayer had been said at an earlier hour by the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn and the Rev. Mr. Fisher. The sermon was preached and the candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. Fairbairn, and I celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hall, of Long Island and the Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Maryland; the other priests present, and joining in the laying on of hands, being the Rev. Messrs. Selkirk, Russell and Marshall.

This completes the record of the work done in the ten months that make up our Canonical year; or, more accurately speaking, in the eight months since my consecration. I have not, of course, counted what has been my privilege for more than twenty years, and my great refreshment and comfort on my returns home, the

attendance at the Daily Prayer at St. Peter's Church, Albany. It is the best soother, and the best systematizer of a busy life that can be devised. I have to thank God for His gracious providence which has enabled me to accomplish, with a single exception, the visitation of all the Parishes in the Diocese. The temporary absence from duty of the rector of St. Mark's Church, Hoosac, has led me to postpone my visit to his Parish until his restoration to health, now, I am glad to say, completed, returns him to his work.

To have travelled 4,126 miles, 1,028 of it in carriages and sleighs, in perfect health and safety, with the bountiful gift of pleasant weather, cordial welcomes and tokens of earnest work, crowned by the rich blessings of the Holy Spirit, is matter of devout thankfulness to God.

I have made one hundred and twenty-seven visitations, visiting twice the Parishes of Centreville, Ilion, Butternuts, Morris, West Burlington, Cooperstown, Lansingburgh and Caldwell.

The results of the visitations, in statistical statement, are as follows:

Confirmed 962 persons, of whom 923 belong to Albany, and 39 to New York.

Sermons	160
Addresses	80
Celebrations of the Holy Communion	71
Clergymen dismissed to other Dioceses	6
Clergymen received from other Dioceses	19
Clergymen died	1
Admitted and received as candidates for Holy Orders	9
Licensed as Lay Readers	15

Consented to the organization of five new Parishes.
Laid the corner stones of three Churches, and one Parish school.
Consecrated eleven Churches.
Baptized—adults 9, infants 15; total, 24.*
Solemnized 3 marriages.*
Officiated at 3 funerals.*
Consented to the consecration of 1 Bishop, and to the transfer of another.
Consented to the sale of the site and the taking down of 1 Church building.
Received notices of 2 sentences of deposition.

* Not including services during my rectorship of St. Peter's.

Clergymen belonging to the Diocese.

Bishop	1
Priests	80
Deacons	5
Total	86

Gain, during the year, 11; disabled from regular duty, 2; absent, 4; not at work, 6.

Clergymen at work during the year not belonging to the Diocese, 3;—the Rev. Jas. H. Tyng, the Rev. Wm. J. Boone, the Rev. Francis Stubbs.

Number of Parishes in union with the Convention	100
Number of Churches not in union	15
Parishes without Church buildings	14
Number of Missions	20
Total number of Missions and Parishes	135

There are sixteen Parishes vacant, against thirty-two that were vacant last year.

Number of parsonages	50
Number of free sittings	11,600

You will bear with me a little longer, my brethren, while I speak to you plainly upon a few points which I consider of great practical importance to our work.

The number of changes among our clergy during these eight months is to me a matter of very serious concern. Among our eighty-four clergy there have been no less than thirty-seven changes. Such a state of things destroys the stability of Parishes, breaks up and mars the efficiency of clergymen, and washes out all characteristic color and tone from the Diocese. Nothing has so harrassed and troubled me. There must be fault on both sides, it seems to me, to account for such a state of things; allowing for the rightful and inevitable changes, and acknowledging the restless tendency of the times, that makes Albany no exception. One cause is the discreditable insufficiency of salaries. This is an old story, but it is a sad one for a Bishop to see and feel. The laymen do not realize their own ability, if they would give systematically and frequently, and according to the only standard owned or known by God—not *rich* men in proportion to their means—but *every* man, poor as well as rich, according to his several ability. And they do not know the straits of the clergy, who are men and will not whimper, who are gentlemen

and will not beg, who are Christians and will "endure hardness." No clergyman's salary ought to be permitted to be less than $1,000. No Parish ought to be without a parsonage. And bad as I think the compulsory celibacy of Rome is, and I think it is *very* bad, I think it is surpassed by the meanness that sets a premium on an unmarried priest because he is cheap, or looks out for a clergyman who has inherited or married a pittance of property, wherewith he can eke out the dolings of a stinted support. I tell you, my beloved, the laborer is worthy of his hire, and the "hire of the laborers who have reaped" down God's golden fields of saved souls, which is of you kept back by fraud (so far as you can pay or can withhold the wages of such work), CRIETH, "and the cries of those which have reaped, are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." What is the reason of the cankered silver and the rusted gold? What is the meaning of corrupted riches and garments moth eaten? Why are the fortunes of the hard and hoarding hand scattered, to the dogs of dissipation, by the loose and lavish hands of degenerate sons? Why are so many "names put out in the next generation" that were known and read of all men in the last? Why can the homes, and commercial centres, and fortunes, and hopes of a continent be shaken to their tottering, whenever the reckless licentiousness of wanton profligates decides to play its desperate game of chance, with stakes of millions of other people's money, as a variation from its customary "points" of woman's virtue and man's honor? "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord." "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." These are the forgotten lessons, of an age that stints its religious tithes, starves its religious teachers and spends upon itself, whose echoes come back to us from the disasters and distresses that surround us on every side. There are magnificent monuments in this Diocese, and living witnesses, thank God, too, of the liberality of laymen in the surviving works, or in the prolonged lives of Warren, and DeWitt, and Marshall, and Stott, and Burhans, and Cushney, and Harris, and Stevenson, and Paine, and Brush, and Rosse, and Thurman, and Morris, and Farnam. May their noble

examples find repeated imitation, and make us all, in all ways, worthy of and up to their standard.

The irregularity of payment of salaries is another serious evil, and I would suggest to the Parishes, not merely in general terms a regular payment, but the adoption of a system of payments, either quarterly or by a monthly cheque, put in the offertory on the first Sunday in the month. But this is not all.

The selfishness that half supports the clergy is the correlative of the self-will that sets up an authoritative censorship of them, in the personal tastes of every parishioner, especially if he be rich and hires a pew. It has come to that pass, that the "I like, or I do not like a clergyman," is the signal for his dismissal, or for such withdrawal of support, pecuniary and personal, as involves his resignation. It is even worse than this, for in these days of suspicion, a single practice, however harmless, however private or however proper, a single expression misunderstood, often, by the imperfect theological knowledge of the hearer, becomes the ready που στω, the point on which to place the lever of criticism, complaint, accusation, scandal, with which to pry out of his place a man perhaps unwise (but who is always wise); perhaps overzealous (but *excess* must somewhere counterbalance *defect* of interest); perhaps not exactly agreeing with every one else's differing views; perhaps not suiting every one else's varying tastes; but still earnest, faithful, laborious, and at any rate so far sound in doctrine and loyal in practice that his opposers dare not resort to the only rightful method of faulting him; namely, complaint to, and investigation and decision by, the Ordinary. I beseech you, my beloved brethren of the laity, to banish from the Church this arbitrary egotism, this despotic individualism. In a well ordered Christian household servants are not treated so, and though we are your servants for Jesu's sake, yet are we, in such sort "ambassadors for Christ that He doth beseech you by us." Fancy what your position would be, if the clergyman neglected, condemned, excommunicated every one of you whom he did not like, or disagreed with. Fancy what the end would be if lawyers and jurors so treated a judge with whom they disagreed, or company

officers and regiments, a general of whom they disapproved. Fancy what the result is to be, so far as unity is concerned, so far as peace, so far as work, if, for the tyranny of the papacy, or the worse tyranny of the popular frenzy of a day, is to be substituted the worst tyranny still of self-will, a hydra hundred-headed (if there are a hundred parishioners), a pope whose claim to infallible sovereignty is its ignorance, its tenacity, or its balance in the bank. There can be no hope of a restoration of the legitimate confidence and stability in the relation between pastor and people, until personal preferences and prejudices are left out; until forbearance takes the place of fault-finding; until ideals of perfection are recognized as unattainable; until differences of tastes, temper and training are allowed for; until the little point, the thin sharp edge of individualism is forsaken, for the broad and catholic standpoint of charity.

The other side of this I may not fail to urge on you, beloved brethren of the clergy. The forbearance that I ask for you, you must extend to all the people of your cures. In these unsettled days, when rumors are rife and suspicions fill the air, when we are dealing with a people, many of whom were never grounded in the faith, and many of whom accept it on outside and æsthetic grounds, rather than from examination and conviction, our duty demands a cautious courage, a discreet decision, which only love of souls and for the Saviour of our souls can inspire. Doctrinal definitness and reverence in ritual, the trumpet's certain sound, and the wrought-gold raiment of the King's daughter—these things maintain and exhibit; but avoid the use of easily misunderstood words, however capable of sound and safe explanations—of things that may look like symbols of error, however much your use of them means only truth. As you love your Lord, your people and your own souls, deny yourselves in matters of mere individual taste, that you may not cause your brother to offend. Let not your thought or talk be of the outward acts of religion, and let the world attest that all your care for such things is for the substance that they shadow, and for the reverence of which they are the ritual.

I greatly desire to cultivate in the clergy of this Diocese an *esprit du corps*, a love for and a loyalty to this portion of the Church of Christ—

Σπαρταν ελαχες ταυταν κοσμει.

Our lot has fallen in Albany. Let us, therefore, elevate, adorn, dignify, advance Albany. You are not, I know, related to the Diocese as I am till death us do part. But I pray you, stand with me, as I will stand by you, God helping me; and let men see that you do not deserve, as I know the clergy do not deserve, the accusations, that a larger salary, a more prominent position, an easier field, are providential calls to changes. One year of work in this Diocese, with the men that are with me now; no loss, if God will grant it, to us by death; no falling away, if you will give it to me, by changes, and another Convention will see such results as this year's blessings foreshadow, only, as the handful of the first fruits promises the barn's full of the harvest; only as the tiny grass blades of March paint the emerald hope, of waving plains and hillsides kissed by the July sun.

But, of course, I cannot hope for this Diocese an exemption altogether from the changes and chances of life, and I desire to call the attention of the laity to the evident expectation of our Canon Law, in reference to the filling and emptying of Parishes. Canon 4, section 1, title II of the "Digest" requires the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to any dissolution of the pastoral relation, making both sides, the clergyman and the people, amenable to discipline, as the Bishop and Convention may determine. And Canon XI* of the Diocese requires immediate notice to be given to the Bishop, of a vacancy in the Parish.

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* CANON XI.

Of Vacant Parishes.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with the most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes as have been reported to him, at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. At every such Convention, the Clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the Parishes which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant Parishes thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incident to such occasional services.

It seems to me that much difficulty would be avoided by a compliance with the letter and spirit of these laws; that fewer Parishes would be vacated; that Parishes would be better and sooner filled. For, while, of course, the Bishop could not compel the retention in, or the reception into a Parish, of an unwelcome Rector, he can often in the first instance remove misunderstanding; and in the second, with his intimate knowledge of his Parishes, and his larger acquaintance with clergymen, he is far more likely to suggest the suitable man, than the source from which the suggestion usually comes—some irresponsible party, some prejudiced friend, some self-seeking clergyman; or the resort to that most unworthy of all absurdities, the trial of a clergyman preaching single show-off sermons, as a proof of pastoral fitness or power. As a priest or a layman, in politics or in religion, I never believed in withdrawing power where responsibility is put. The latter offsets and outweighs the former. I believe I was always an obedient citizen, a dutiful Deacon, and a loyal Priest. If a General has to fight a battle, he ought to select his corps commanders, to post his pickets and to choose his reserves. And a Bishop requires and deserves the advisory control, to say the least of it, over the men who work in his Diocese. If he has it, and advises unwisely, the responsibility and a large part of the injury are his. If he does not have it, the general work suffers, and in its suffering, every place and part of it are hurt. I do not believe in Rectors without Vestries, or Bishops without Conventions, or any irresponsible control; neither do I believe in Vestries, Conventions, Convocations, without the Bishop; the Bishop, like everybody else, being under the law. In fact, I believe that an Episcopal Church (saving the tautology) has an Episcopate. Granting the worst element in a Bishop (or in anybody), self-seeking, self-interest, what is his self, what is his interest, but the Diocese? Neither his success, his comfort, his influence nor his good name, is enhanced by Parishes in hot water with their clergymen, and clergymen failing to accomplish their work. His interest and the interest of the Diocese are identical, unless he is unprincipled and worthy of

degradation. And while certain fourth-of-July laymen and a few Exeter-Hall clergymen waste their breath in denouncing the tyranny and autocracy and aristocracy of prelatical pretension and Episcopal assumption, my knowledge of Bishops, and yours, too; and my sense of the effect of the office shows, that it tends to bow men down with a weight of harassing cares and crushing accountability, till those who are fit for the office, grow lowly and humble and conciliatory, and those who are not, are cowed into inoffensiveness, and timidity, and compromise.

I am thankful to find in the Diocese an approximation towards, and an appreciation of the rightful position of music in the worship of God, and the right ideas of music as an act of worship. It is natural enough for Rome to resort to a style of music, gaudy and showy as the tinsel and artificial flowers and soiled lace of her churches; and as she takes her prayers out of people's mouths by an unvernacular language, to rob them also of their praises, by the intrusion of operatic choirs. And it is the spirit of all the Protestant services, except the Methodist, to make the congregation listeners and lookers on. But for our liturgical Church, with her manual of antiphonal worship, of common praise and prayer, and her heritage of tones and chants, of tunes and anthems, Gregorian and Anglican, to submit to the tyrany of organists and solo singers, advertising and admiring themselves instead of edifying the people and adoring God, and to allow the arbitrariness of musical committees, who prostitute the service of song, to raise the pew rents and attract the wealthiness and worldliness of men, is a miracle of degeneration and a surrender of principle which cannot be condoned. I hope the clergy will remember that they cannot escape their responsibility in this matter; theirs, as the ordained leaders of the people's worship, as well as by the plain Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer. I know that sometimes their ignorance or their peculiar tastes will lead to queer and undesirable results. But, with no end in view except the glory of God in the public worship of the congregation, with the ability to call in competent advisers and assistants, and with their legitimate responsibility and their concern for the peace of the Parishes, the matter

is safer with them than it can be in any other hands. I am glad to call attention to the wise and well timed opinion of the Bishop of Pennsylvania.

"The Rector has the right to control such arrangements, both in Church and in Sunday School, as in his judgment shall be for the best interests of each. The building and all the appurtenances of the building being designed for promoting the spiritual good of the Parish, the Rector has the undoubted right to use it, and to control the arrangement of it in such wise as shall best subserve the religious welfare of the people committed to his charge.

"The vestry are the legal trustees of the Church property. They have, or should have, the sole control of the finances. They are to direct and supervise repairs. They are to secure all such material aid as the exigencies of the Parish require. They are to elect the Rector, but they must remember that the money matters confided to them pertain to the Lord's treasury; that the clergyman whom they elect Rector is set over them by the Holy Ghost, and hence all their trusteeship has a spiritual bearing, and should work in with, and be in subservience to, the great object of parochial organization, viz: the ingathering of souls into the fold of Christ.

"As it respects the music of the Church, this also is, by the Rubric of the Prayer Book, placed in the hands of the Rector, who is especially charged with the oversight thereof. He has the full right to select the choir, to choose the tunes, to suppress what he deems 'light and unseemly music,' and consequently introduce such as he shall hold to be suitable for divine worship. Where there is a paid organist or choir, it is the duty of the vestry to pay them. It is the duty of the Rector to direct them; but not to pay them. As it is the duty of the vestry to guard with care the revenues of the Church, it is also their duty to apportion out the salaries of the elected officers of the Church in the wisest and most economical manner, yet in all matters relating to the salary of a Rector, and to make no changes without consulting with him. It is not a good spirit which would seek to express its dissatisfaction with a Rector by suddenly reducing his stipend. Such a

course is always unwise, and brings discredit on the Church which does it.

The subject of theological education is one of vital importance to us. We must, out of ourselves, supply to a great extent our own wants. I have already alluded to the importance of Christian parents devoting their children to the Master's service in their prayers, their purposes and their training, and I have spoken in emphatic terms of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, as deserving and demanding your confidence and support. I desire to call your attention again to this. It divides with Hobart College the Church collegiate education of the State. Seventeen young men from this Diocese are there preparing for the ministry. The institution lies just outside our border. Though *in*, it is not exclusively *of*, the Diocese of New York. The Bishops of the three Dioceses of New York are among its trustees, and the president of the board, the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn, is a layman of Albany, retained in office, in spite of his proposal to withdraw, partly to prove the college to be co-extensive in its sympathies and services, if not with the whole State, at least with the Diocese of New York, as it was before division. And I beg you to bear in mind therefore the claims of Annandale. It needs money, and it has a right to look to us for it; and whatever is given in this Diocese for Theological Education, will, I hope, go there, or to the General Seminary, or to both these schools of the Prophets, through the venerable Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning, whose benefactions are, and whose support ought to be coterminous with the State of New York.

With one last word I leave you, to return to the labors which lie before us in the Convention. There are three things closely connected with each other, which sometimes need defining:

"Credenda, oranda et agenda."

Our faith, thank God, is fixed and settled upon the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which *are* the Word of God, as witnessed to by the undivided Church, defined by the six General Councils, and contained in the Catholic Creeds. The Divine

Author of the Faith, and the appointed Witness and Keeper of the Truth, have taught us also how to pray. And the Church Liturgy ringing the changes of its continual services upon the Lord's own prayer, is the manual and cordial, in the hearts and in the hands of all her children. These things are the same to all, and so in one sense are the agenda the duties, the things that *ought* to be and that *are* to be done. But with peculiar circumstances they vary, and I beg to leave with you a summary of the matters of special importance, which demand of us, as churchmen of this Diocese, prompt and liberal efforts and attention.

A Church school for girls, to be founded near this city, and cared for by Christian women devoted, for the love of Christ, to their great work:

Houses of mercy for the sick, for the fallen, and for orphans and for the aged, to be established where the best openings may occur, or developed out of existing institutions, such as the Church Home in Troy, and the Orphanage beginning now at Cooperstown:

And such an endowment of the Episcopate as will make assessments on the Parish unnecessary:

The building of the Churches already undertaken at Ticonderoga, at Garrattsville, at Ilion and at Middleville, and to be commenced at Schoharie Court House, Springfield, Madrid, Morley, Gloversville, Lawrence, Schenevus, Mohawk, Oneonta, Exeter, Newport, Chateaugay, Canajoharie, Conklinville, Ausable Forks, Potsdam Junction, Massena and Hart's Falls:

The payment of the debt on the Church at Portlandville, and the establishment of missions at Cobleskill, Clifton, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, Chateaugay, and in the Helderberg region.

I propose to assign the collection of funds for the Church buildings to the different Convocations in which they are situated, taking for this year's work, Ticonderoga, Garrattsville, Ilion, Middleville and Gloversville, and to suggest to the Convocations that they should make it their duty to employ itinerant missionaries in the Diocese, while the Diocesan Board of Missions pays the salary of all missionaries at our regular points of work.

We shall need much giving, much prayer, much denying our-

selves, much working shoulder to shoulder. We shall learn, in sympathy of interest, to forego differences of opinion, and in engrossment in work, to forget anger and controversy, and contention. And we shall need, all of us, a deeper and more devout consecration of ourselves to the service of our dear and divine Lord; living more holily and more humbly; illustrating, more and more, our faith by our works, and our precepts by our practices, seeking such spirituality of motive, work and life, as shall make us, and all we are, more and more instruments in the hands of the Great Head of the Church, Whose we are and Whom we serve; avoiding strifes about words, suspicions and evil, surmisings, angry vindications of ourselves and self assertion (as though ourselves were anything at all); cultivating in ourselves, and seeking to secure in others, what has been lately urged by one of the foremost living saints and doctors of the Church, the venerable Dr. Pusey, "SELF DENIAL IN SPEECH." For our warning and for our encouraging, I cannot leave with you wiser words of entreaty or worthier words of hope, than these golden sayings of his:

"If we would overcome the world, our weapons must not be of this world. Sarcasm, contempt, sharp retort may make a gladiatorial fight to amuse spectators or delight partizans. They cannot win to the faith in the Crucified. We must rule ourselves if we would win others. Petulance, bitterness, wrath, hard speaking, are but tokens of weakness. The wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of GOD. To the meek our LORD has promised the inheritance of the earth; for so He Himself won it, Who, "when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously." And here, too, the deep convictions of the truth for whose sake we are called in question will aid us. For knowing, as we know, in our inmost hearts, that they who have not those blessed truths are under a loss, we cannot but be sorry for them, and sorrow is incompatible with anger. And so, as having a good future before you, you can afford to march on, heedless of contempt, reviling, charges of dishonesty, of unfaithfulness to the Church and to our trust, of meaning what we do not profess, and of all the other missiles of that

warfare. They will glance by harmless, if only we are not provoked to do the like. Self-possession is strength, because it is upheld by Him whose strength is made perfect in weakness. We have the might of the faith amid discordant "opinions;" we have the truth of GOD amid the Babel-sounds of error; we can tell men of a healing of their wounds, a forgiveness of sins, an union with GOD, a presence of His love, nearer, closer, more direct than they know of, who impugn us. We have, by virtue of the truth we teach, directer access to the soul. Only in patience possess we our souls. They who assail us must, if they persevere, sustain a great defeat; and if we alienate them not by indulgence of feelings, or ways, or words of this world, that shall again be fulfilled, as so often in the History of the Church, "They shall surely gather together, but not by Me; whosoever shall gather together against thee, shall fall unto thee. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall arise against thee in judgment thou shalt defeat. This is the judgment for the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness of Me, saith the LORD."

May we go out from this Convention revived and enabled for the toils and trials of the coming year. In all our deliberations to-day, and in all our labors for the time to come, may we remember and rely on His Holy Presence, who alone can make the devisings and the doings of men, well-timed and wise, and working out His glory, Who is our Alpha and Omega, the one foundation other than which no man can lay; our chief Bishop, our Great High Priest, our Head, our Lord, our King, our shield and our exceeding great reward, our joy in life, our hope in death, our delight through all eternity, the end of our conversation, the examplar of our lives, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day and forever.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL OF EPISCOPAL ACTS.

ORDINATIONS TO THE ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD.

The Rev. John Irving Forbes, Deacon.
The Rev. William Henry Capers, Deacon.
The Rev. Edward B. Allen, Deacon.
The Rev. William Bogert Walker, Deacon.
The Rev. Joel Davis, Deacon.

CLERGYMEN RECEIVED INTO THE DIOCESE.

February	8.	The Rev. Alfred Houghton Stubbs, from the Diocese of Iowa.
	18.	The Rev. Wm. Henry Capers, Deacon, from the Diocese of Georgi
	19.	The Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker, Deacon, from the Diocese of L. Islan
	23.	The Rev. E. N. Potter, D. D., from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
March	16.	The Rev. D. Ellis Willes, from the Diocese of New York.
April	26.	The Rev. Richard S. Adams, from the Diocese of Long Island.
May	17.	The Rev. John H. Babcock, from the Diocese of New York.
June	7.	The Rev. Royal Marshall, from the Diocese of Massachusetts.
July	13.	The Rev. C. E. Butler, from the Diocese of Long Island.
August	3.	The Rev. Henry Mc'Lory, from the Diocese of Massachusetts.
	4.	The Rev. James A. Upjohn, from the Diocese of New Jersey.
	27.	The Rev. Thomas May Thorpe, from the Diocese of Pittsburg.
Septem'r	8.	The Rev. Benjamin Webb, from the Diocese of New York.
	17.	The Rev. Michael Scofield, from the Diocese of W. New York.
	17.	The Rev. Joseph Richey, Deacon, from the Diocese of New York.
	21.	The Rev. John S. Clark, from the Diocese of Toronto.
	22.	The Rev. Charles H. Lancaster, from the Diocese of Montreal.
	29.	The Rev. Robert S. Locke, from the Diocese of New York.

CLERGYMEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE DIOCESE.

February 26. The Rev. Levi Johnston, to the Diocese of New York.
March 24. The Rev. A. Floridus Steele, to the Diocese of Maryland.
March 31. The Rev. Robert T. S. Lowell, to the Diocese of Massachusetts.
May 22. The Rev. Edward B. Allen, to the Diocese of Massachusetts.
June 8. The Rev. John H. Betts, to the Diocese of Connecticut.
August 23. The Rev. J. Breckenridge Gibson, to the Diocese of New York.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

1869—February 9. Mr. C. William Camp, for Deacon's Order.
February 9. Mr. Joshua N. F. Goss, for Deacon's Order.
1867—June 11. Mr. James E. Hall, for Deacon's and Priest's Orders. Received from Western New York, March 5th, 1869.
November 7. Mr. George D. Silliman, for Deacon's and Priest's Orders. Received from New York, March 29th, 1869.
1869—June 8. Mr. James Van Voast, B. A , for Deacon's Order.
July 28. Mr. Thomas Cole, B. A., for Deacon's Order.
August 17. Mr. Nelson Riley Boss, B. A., for Deacon's Order.
August 18. Mr. John H. Houghton, B. A., for Deacon's Order.
1867—Novemb'r 7. Mr. William Skene, for Deacon's and Priest's Orders. Received from New York, September 18, 1869.

LICENSED TO THE OFFICE OF LAY READER.

Mr. H. K. Gardner, Sharon, under the Rev. J. F. Forbes.
Mr. J. N. F. Goss, Rouse's Point, under the Rev. Dr. Camp.
Mr. C. William Camp, Catskill, under the Rev. Dr. Weeks.
Mr. D. H. Woodbury, Richfield, under the Rev. Mr. Sykes.
Mr. George Herbert Lowery, under the Rev. Mr. Wenman.
Mr. W. N. Chadwick, Cohoes, under the Rev. Mr. Brown.
Mr. John H. Houghton, Cambridge, under the Rev. Mr. Davis.
Mr. E. S. Houghton, Cambridge, under the Rev. Mr. Davis.
Mr. George A. Somers, Portlandville, under the Rev. Mr. Stubbs.
Mr. Hobart Somers, Portlandville, under the Rev. Mr. Stubbs.
Mr. Howard Widdemer, Troy, under the Rev. Mr. Walsh.
Mr. Edmund G. Prout, Windham, under the Rev. H. H. Prout.

Mr. George H. Silliman, Delhi, under the Rev. Mr. Willes.

Mr. John Henry Fitzgerald, Butternuts, under the Rev. Mr. Lighthipe.

Mr. Burnet, Ticonderoga, under the Rev. Mr. Stubbs.

CONSENT TO THE CONSECRATION OF BISHOP.

The Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., Bishop elect of Central New York.

CONSENT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

Christ Church, Schenectady.

St. John's Church, Portlandville.

St. Augustine's Church, Ilion.

Church of the Great Shepherd, Massena.

Trinity Church, Gloversville.

CORNER STONES LAID.

August	10.	Trinity Church, Lansingburgh.
Sept.	3.	Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga.
Sept.	13.	St. Augustine's Church, Ilion.
June	26.	Of the St. Stephen's Parish School House, Schuylerville.

CHURCHES CONSECRATED.

May	12.	St. Peter's Church, Brush's Mill's, Franklin county.
May	29.	Zion Church, Fonda, Montgomery county.
June	3.	St. Luke's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.
July	9.	St. Paul's Church, Harrisena.
July	22.	St. Paul's Church, West Chazy, Clinton county.
July	29.	Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county.
Aug.	10.	The Chapel of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.
Sept.	2.	The Church of St. Sacrament, Bolton, Warren county.
Sept.	4.	St. James Church, Caldwell, Warren county.
Sept.	9.	Christ Church, West Burlington, Otsego county.
Sept.	10.	The Morris Memorial and All Saints Chapel, Morris, Otsego county.

CEMETERY CONSECRATED.

July 29, at Barnhardt's Island, St. Lawrence county.

NOTICES OF DEPOSITION FROM THE MINISTRY RECEIVED.

March 19. Samuel Hermann, Presbyter, deposed by Bishop of Nebraska.

April 19. Marshall B. Smith, Presbyter, deposed by Bishop of New Jersey.

May 14. H. W. Woods, Presbyter, deposed by the Bishop of Illinois.

May 24. J. J. Talbot, Presbyter, deposed by the Bishop of California.

Aug. 12. John W. Shatzel, Presbyter, deposed by the Bishop of Minnesota.

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ALBANY COUNTY.						
Albany, St. Peter's	March 27	42	Address	1	2 in private and 1 at Grace Church	Vacant.
Grace	April 25.	13	Address	None P.M.		E. B. Russell.
Holy Innocents	March 30	16	Address	None P.M.	Rev. Mr. Boardman, then rector.	Royal Marshall.
St. Paul's	March 28	29	Address	None P M.		J. L. Reese.
Trinity	April 11.	14	Address	None P.M.	Catechizing: 2 confirmed in private	E. Selkirk.
St. John's, Cohoes	May 16	15	Sermon and address	None P.M.		J. H. H. Brown.
St. Mark's, Green Island	April 25	13	Sermon and address	None P.M.		E. T. Chapman.
Trinity, Rensselaerville	June 29.	26	Sermon and address	1		C. A. Wenman.
Emmanuel, South Westerlo	Not visited				Not existing now	
Trinity, West Troy	April 4	16	Sermon and address	None P.M.		John Townsend.
CLINTON COUNTY.						
St. Paul's, Centreville	May 13, July 24.	0	Two sermons	1		Vacant.
St. John's, Champlain	July 23	6	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Baptized an infant	Vacant.
St. Peter's, Ellenburgh	July 24	0	Sermon	None P.M.		Vacant.
Trinity, Plattsburgh	May 14.	1	Sermon	None P.M.	Rev. Wm. M. Ogden, then rector.	H. McLory.
Christ, Rouse's Point	July 23.	45	Sermon and address	1	Church consecrated	Dr. Camp.
St. Paul's, West Chazy	July 22	0	Sermon and address	1		G. L. Neide.
Mission, Ausable Forks	July 2.	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.	No Church building	W. H. Cook.

St. Luke's, Clermont	May 20	9	Sermon	None P.M.		W. J. Rowe.
St. John's, Copake	February 15	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Rev. Levi Johnston, then rector.	Vacant.
Christ, Hudson	May 21	22	Sermon and address	None P.M.		W. R. Johnson.
St. Paul's, Kinderhook	April 21	1	Sermon	1		Vacant.
St. John's, Stockport	May 1	12	Sermon	1		W. O. Jarvis.
St. Barnabas' Chapel, Stottville	May 1	0	Sermon	None P.M.		W. O. Jarvis.
Delaware County.						
Grace, Bloomville	Not visited				Not existing	
St. John's, Delhi	July 3	5	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Baptized an adult—vacant then	J. Richey.
Christ, Deposit	July 5	1	Sermon	1	No Church building	S. Huntington.
St. Paul's, Franklin	July 4	0	Sermon	1	Rector just arrived	W. M. Ogden.
St. Peter's, Hobart	July 2	10	Sermon and address	None P.M.		D. E. Willes.
Christ, Walton	July 4	17	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Baptized an infant	G. Huntington.
Essex County.						
St. John's Chapel, Boquet	Not visited.					
St. John's, Essex	July 20	0	Sermon	None P.M.	Vacant then	J. H. Hopkins, Jr.
St. Paul's, Keeseville	July 21	6	Sermon and address	1		W. H. Cook.
Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga	September 3	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Corner stone laid	Frank Stubbs.
Franklin County.						
St. Peter's, Brush's Mills	May 12	5	Sermon and address	1	Church consecrated	J. Randall.
St. Mark's, Malone	May 13	8	Sermon and address	1		J. W. Stewart.
Fulton County.						
St. John's, Johnstown	May 30	14	Sermon and address	1		J. B. Murray.
Of the Redeemer, Northampton	May 30	14	Sermon and address	None P.M.		G. C. V. Eastman.
Mission, Gloversville	May 30	4	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	R. T. Howard.
Greene County.						
Trinity, Athens	April 30	9	Sermon and address	None P.M.		J. E. Johnson.
Calvary, Cairo	June 30	8	Sermon and address	None P.M.		E. Pidsley.
St. Luke's, Catskill	May 20	12	Sermon and address	1		Robert Weeks.
Christ, Coxsackie	April 30	9	Sermon	1		A. Danker.

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Christ, Greenville	July 30	4	Sermon	1		Vacant.
St. Paul's, Oak Hill	June 29	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Baptized 4 adults and 2 children, Rev. Mr. Boone then in charge.	Vacant.
Grace, Prattsville	July 2	2	Sermon and address	1		Vacant.
Trinity, Windham	July 1	5	Sermon and address	1	In Ashland	H. H. Prout.
St. Paul's Chapel, Windham	July 1	0	Sermon	None P.M.		H. H. Prout.
HERKIMER COUNTY.						
St. Augustine, Ilion	Mar. 12, Sept. 13.	1	Sermon and address	None P.M.	2 services—corner stone laid	C. H. Lancaster.
Mission, Newport	March 11	0	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	B. Webb.
Trinity, Fairfield	March 11	2	Sermon	None P.M.		B. Webb.
Christ, Herkimer	March 12	4	Sermon	1		H. G. Wood.
Emmanuel, Little Falls	March 10	11	Sermon and address	None P.M.		H. Stanley.
Grace, Norway	March 11	4	Address	None P.M.	No Church building	B. Webb.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY.						
St. Ann's, Amsterdam	May 28	13	Sermon and address	None P.M.		P. Thomas.
St. Polycarp's, Canajoharie	May 28	0	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	Vacant.
Zion, Fonda	May 29	6	Sermon and address	1	Church consecrated	R. T. Howard.
OTSEGO COUNTY.						
Christ, Butternuts	Mar. 6, Sept. 10.	8	2 sermons and ad.	None P.M	2 visitations	L. H. Lighthipe.

St. Mark's, Garrattsville	March 8.	1	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building lot secured	Joel Davis.
Zion, Morris	Mar. 4, Sept. 10.	10	2 sermons 1 address	1	2 visitations, consecration of Morris Memorial and All Sts. Chapel	N. S. Rulison.
Immanuel, Otego	March 5	3	Sermon	None P.M.		Vacant.
St. John's, Portlandville	March 3 and 4	4	2 sermons 1 address	1		A. H. Stubbs.
St. Luke's, Richfield	March 9	0	Sermon	None P.M.		Vacant.
St. John's, Richfield Springs	March 10	3	Sermon	1		Vacant.
St. Matthew's, Unadilla	March 6	0	Sermon	1	Vacant then	M. Scofield.
Christ, West Burlington	March 8, Sept. 9.	17	2 sermons 2 ad	2	2 visitations, Church consecrated	J. Davis.
St. Timothy, Westford	March 2	0	Sermon	1		A. H. Stubbs.
Mission, Springfield	March 1	5	Sermon and address	None P.M.	No Ch. build'g, baptized 4 adults.	D. L. Schwartz.
Mission, Worcester	March 2	0	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	A. H. Stubbs.
Mission, Schenevus	March 3	1	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	A. H. Stubbs.
Mission, Oneonta	March 5	3	Sermon	1	No Church building, lot secured.	Vacant.
Mission, Laurens	March 7	1	Sermon	None	No Church building	W. S. Rulison.
RENSSELAER COUNTY.						
Messiah, Greenbush	April 27	14	Address	None P.M.		Dr. Clover.
St. Mark's, Hoosac Falls	Not visited.					
Trinity, Lansingburgh	Apl. 23, Aug. 16.	12	2 sermons and ad	2	2 visitations, Chapel consecrated, and corner stone of Church laid.	B. J. Hall.
Trinity, Schaghticoke	May 31	0	Sermon	None P.M.	Village of Hart's Fall's	W. B. Walker.
Troy, Christ	April 3	7	Address	None P.M.		J. W. Mulford.
Holy Cross	May 6	33	Sermon and address	None P.M.		J. I. Tucker.
St. John's	April 11	16	Sermon and address	None P.M.		G. H. Walsh.
St. Luke's	May 23, June 3.	21	2 sermons 1 address	1	2 visitations, Church consecrated.	E. S. Widdemer.
St. Paul's	March 23	8	Address	None P.M.		Dr. Coit, and E. N. Potter.
SARATOGA COUNTY.						
Christ, Ballston Spa	May 4	17	Sermon and address	1		Joseph Carey.
Calvary, Burnt Hills	June 2	9	Sermon and address	1	Rev. F. C. Wainwright officiating.	Vacant.
St. Paul's, Charlton	September 6	1	Sermon and address	1	Baptized an infant	E. Weil.
St. Luke's, Mechanicsville	June 2	2	Sermon	None P.M.		W. B. Walker.
Bethesda, Saratoga Springs	April 28	17	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Rev. J. B. Gibson, then rector	Dr. Camp.

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St Stephen's, Schuylerville	June 26	9	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Laid corner stone of school house.	J. H. Babcock.
St. John's, Stillwater	June 1	0	Sermon	1		W. B. Walker.
Grace, Waterford	May 2	4	Sermon	None P.M.		G. W. Ferguson.
St. Mary's, West Charlton	Not visited				Not existing.	
Mission, Glenville	Not visited.	2	Sermon		Confirmed at Charlton—no Ch. building	E. Weil.
SCHENECTADY COUNTY.						
Christ, Duanesburgh	August 7	0	Sermon	None		Vacant.
Christ, Schenectady	April 13	2	Sermon	None P.M.		F. C. Wainwright.
St. George's, Schenectady	April 12	5	Sermon and address	None P.M.		Dr. Payne.
SCHOHARIE COUNTY.						
St. Luke's, Middleburgh	April 14	6	Sermon and address	None P.M.		E. Slade.
St. Andrew's, Schoharie	April 15	0	Sermon	1	Lot secured, no Church building.	E. Slade.
Trinity Chapel, Sharon Springs.	April 15	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.		J. I. Forbes.
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.						
Grace, Canton	July 30	15	2 sermons, 2 ad.	1		J. F. Potter.
Trinity, Gouverneur	July 29	7	Sermon and address	1	Church consecrated	E. Dolloway.
St. Luke's, Lisbon	July 31	0	Sermon	None P.M.	Baptized 4 infants, vacant then	T. M. Thorpe.
Christ, Morristown	August 1	5	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Baptized 1 infant, vacant then	J. H. Tyng.
Grace, Norfolk	July 26	0	Sermon	1		J. F. Winkley.
St. John's, Ogdensburgh	August 1	17	Sermon and address	1		Dr. Peters.
Trinity, Potsdam	July 25	11	Sermon and address	1		J. S. Kidney.

St. Paul's, Waddington	July 28	14	Sermon and address	1	Vacant then	T. M. Thorpe.
Mission, Potsdam Junction	July 25	3	Sermon	None P.M.		J. F. Winkley.
The Good Shepherd, Massena	July 26	4	Sermon	None P.M.		J. F. Winkley.
Chapel, Barnhardt's Island	July 27	0	Sermon	1	Consecrate dcemetery, Ven. Archdeacon Talton in charge.	
Mission, Madrid	July 28	0	Sermon	None P.M.	Baptized infant, no Church b'g.	Vacant.
Mission, Morley	July 31	0	Sermon	None P.M.	No Church building	Vacant.
WARREN COUNTY.						
St. James, Caldwell	July 8, Sept. 4	2	2 sermons	1	2 visitations, Ch. consecrated	R. S. Locke, mis'y.
Christ, Chester, (Pottersville)	July 8	0	Sermon	1	Baptized an infant	Vacant.
Messiah, Glens Falls	July 9	8	Sermon and address	None P.M.		E. E. Butler.
St. Mary's, Luzerne	July 7	7	Sermon	1		Vacant.
Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	July 7	7	Sermon and address	None P.M.	Rev. W. H. Capers, then rector.	Vacant.
Mission, Conklinville	Not visited					Vacant.
St. Sacrament, Bolton	September 2	4	Address	1	Con'd, Rev. W. F. Lewis in charge	R. S. Locke.
St. Paul's, Harrisena	July 9	1	Sermon	1	Held in trust by Vestry of Glens Falls	E. E. Butler.
WASHINGTON COUNTY.						
St. Luke's, Cambridge	April 20	4	Sermon	1	Rev. C. A. Wenman, then rector	H. M. Davis in ch'e.
St James', Fort Edward	May 25	4	Sermon	1		Dr. Bostwick.
Trinity, Granville	April 18 and 19.	0	2 sermons	1	Vacant then	J. A. Upjohn.
Christ, Hampton	Not visited				Not existing.	
St. Paul's, Salem	April 19	8	Sermon and address			H. M. Davis.
Zion, Sandy Hill	May 28	14	Sermon	None P.M.		Dr. Bostwick.
St. Paul's, Whitehall	Not visited				Not existing	
Trinity, Whitehall	April 18	46	Sermon and address	1		J. A. Luson.

On the conclusion of the Bishop's Address, the Convention adjourned to four o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, *September* 30, 1869.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Joel Davis, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. A. Danker, of Coxsackie, and the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., and in the Creed and Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Camp.

The President called the Convention to order.

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, it was

Resolved, That the order of the day be suspended for the introduction of som resolutions of reference.

Resolved, That so much of the Episcopal Address as referred to the specia recognition of the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany and vicinit by this Convention, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Resolved, That so much of the Episcopal Address as referred to the tender o the free use of St. Peter's Church, Albany, to the Bishop or the Diocese of Albany on any occasion it may be required, be referred to a special committee.

The Bishop appointed as the committee on the tender of the free use of St. Peter's Church, the Rev. George L. Neide, the Rev. J. Irving Forbes and Dr. A. Haun.

On motion of the Hon. James Forsyth, it was

Resolved, That those portions of the Bishop's Address which suggest a division of the Diocese of Albany, be referred to a committee of nine, to consider and report thereon to the next Annual Convention.

The Secretary then read the following telegram from the Diocese of Long Island:

BROOKLYN, *September* 30, 1869.

To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Albany in St. Peter's Church:

The following resolution was passed by the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island, and a committee appointed to convey the same to the Convention of the Diocese of Albany.

Resolved, (the Bishop concurring) That we, the members of the Diocese of Long Island, now assembled in the city of Brooklyn, hereby greet our brethren, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, of the Diocesan Convention of Albany, with sincere assurance of our fraternal sympathy and love, and of our prayers that in all their works they may be guided by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

S. M. HASKINS, *Chairman*,
J. W. DILLER,
W. H. MOORE,
H. E. PIERREPONT,
D. R. FLOYD JONES, *Committee*.

The Secretary announced the reception of the following telegram from the Convention of the Diocese of New York :

NEW YORK, *September* 30, 1869.

To Rev. J. H. HOBART BROWN, *Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Albany :*

The Diocese of New York cordially responds to the greetings of the Diocese of Albany. Grace and peace be multiplied. We wish you good luck in the name of the Lord. The business mentioned in your despatch has been referred to appropriate committees.

Done in Convention by the Diocese of New York, in St. John's Chapel, New York, the 30th day of September, 1869.

FRANCIS VINTON, D. D., D. C. L.,
HENRY E. MONTGOMERY, D. D.,
WILLIAM F. MORGAN, D. D.,
LLOYD W. WELLS,
CHARLES TRACY, *Committee.*

[Attest.] HORATIO POTTER,
Bishop of New York, and President of the Convention.

W. E. EIGENBRODT, *Secretary.*

On motion of the Secretary

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Bishop to respond to the telegrams from the Dioceses of Long Island and New York.

The Chair appointed as said committee the Rev. T. W. Coit, D. D., LL.D., the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., Orlando Meads, Esq., Maj. S. H. Webb, and the Rev. N. S. Rulison.

The order of the day having been taken up for consideration, the Constitution of the Diocese of Albany, as proposed by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, was read, as follows :

Constitution of the Diocese of Albany.

ARTICLE I.

There shall be a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, on the last Wednesday in September in each year, in such place as shall be determined by the Bishop for the time being; or, in case of his inability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee. In the event of the prevalence of any epidemic disease, or for other sufficient cause, occurring after the designation of the place of the meeting of the Annual Convention, the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint another place for the meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE II.

The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church, and shall do so when applied to for that purpose, by the Standing Committee; and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of the Bishop, when there is one; of the Assistant Bishop, when there is one; the officiating Ministers being regularly admitted and settled in some Church within this Diocese, which is in union with the Convention; of other Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, who are employed as Missionaries under the direction of this Convention; or engaged as Chaplains, Professors, or Instructors of Youth, in any College, Academy, General Seminary of Learning, or Institution of Benevolence, duly incorporated; or serving as Chaplains in the Army or Navy of the United States; or who have been disabled from active duty by age or illness, after not less than five years service in the Diocese; and of Lay Members, consisting of not more than three Delegates from each Church, who shall be Communicants, and shall be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer, a Sermon and the Holy Communion, and the preacher shall be nominated by the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop shall preside in the Convention; but in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from among the Clergy, by ballot, unless such ballot shall be dispensed with, by the unanimous vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, by ballot, after *viva voce* nominations of the candidates, unless such ballot shall be dispensed with, by the unanimous vote of the Convention. The Secretary shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention, and a new election is made; and he shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon and required of him, by the Canons of the Diocese, and the Rules of Order of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the Clergy shall vote by individual, and the Laity by congregations; and a majority of votes of the two orders jointly, shall be decisive; but if in any case it be required by five votes, the two orders shall vote separately in the manner aforesaid, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to constitute a decision. In the case of electing a Bishop, the two orders shall always vote separately, agreeably to the mode last prescribed.

ARTICLE VIII.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition for an amendment shall be introduced in writing and considered in the Convention; and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved of in such next Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon, separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

The Rev. Dr. Coit offered the following draft of a Constitution for the Diocese of Albany:

ARTICLE I.

The Diocese claims to be and declares itself an integral portion of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ.

ARTICLE II.

As such it is prepared to offer and accept communion with any other portion of this Church, on the basis, for Doctrine, of the Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, with the Expositions and Definitions of Faith put forth by the first six Ecumenical Councils of the Church Catholic, viz: The Council of Nice, A. D. 325; the Council of Constantinople, A. D. 381; the Council of Ephesus, A. D. 431; the Council of Chalcedon, A. D. 451; the second of Constantinople, A. D. 553; the third of Constantinople, A. D. 680.

As a basis for Discipline it offers and will accept the Apostolic Episcopacy, received and acted on by the Councils aforesaid.

The subject of Worship the Diocese is willing to consign to the action and determination of Provincial Councils.

For the present the Diocese declares itself in full communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, and accepts the Constitution and Canons of its General Convention—or Provincial Synod—as a paramount authority.

ARTICLE III.

The Legislation of the Diocese shall be intrusted to a Convention, to be called annually or specially.

ARTICLE IV.

The permanent officers of the Diocese shall be a Bishop, an Assistant Bishop, when necessary, a Standing Committee, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop and Assistant Bishop shall be appointed at an Annual or Special Convention, after month's notice, in the following manner:

The votes of of the Clergy and of the Parish represented, shall be necessary to secure an election.

ARTICLE VI.

The Standing Committee shall consist of four clergymen and four laymen, to be elected by ballot, and to serve for one year, or until others shall be elected in their places.

ARTICLE VII.

The Secretary and Treasurer may be either clergymen or laymen, to be chosen from among the members of the Convention or otherwise, and by ballot or otherwise, as the Convention shall direct.

On motion of Judge Forsyth the report of Dr. Coit was accepted as a minority report.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Coit, the majority and minority reports on the Constitution were referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, to report to the next Convention.

On motion of the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn, it was agreed that the Canons be considered seriatim.

On motion, Canon I was referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

On motion, Canon II was referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Judge Fitch, of Catskill, Canon III was adopted.

On motion of the Rev J. H. Hopkins, Jr., Canon IV was adopted.

Judge Forsyth, of Troy, moved that Canon V be adopted.

The Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn moved that Canon V be so amended as to require the Secretary to give notice of the meetings of the Convention in three of the public papers of the Diocese of Albany.

The amendment was carried, and the Canon so amended was adopted.

On motion, Canon VI was adopted.

F. J. Fitch, Esq., of Catskill, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Section 2, of Canon VII, of proposed Canons, be amended by inserting in second line from bottom, of page 17, after the word "Church," the following: "Also the amount of communion alms, the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general," and by adding, after the word "report," third line, eighteenth page, the following: "And that in reporting the contributions, 'for Church purpose in general,' he shall include the amount received for sittings in the Church, and moneys raised for all Church and parish purposes, other than those enumerated in this section."

So that the said second section shall read as follows :

SECTION 2. And whereas, by Canon XV, Section 1, Title 1, of the "Digest," every minister of this church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or when there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or Church, and also the amount of communion alms, the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign, for parochial schools, for Church purposes in general, and all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same, it is hereby further ordered that in reporting the number of communicants, he shall

distinguish the additions, removals and deaths since the last report; and that in reporting the "contributions for Church purposes in general," he shall include the amount received for sittings in the Church, and moneys raised for all Church and parish purposes, other than those enumerated in this section.

Rev. Mr. Selkirk moved to amend amendment to Canon VII, Section 1, by adding after the names of parties married, their age, birth-place and residence, and the names of two witnesses.

On motion of Judge Cushney, Canon VII and the above proposed amendments were referred to the Committee on Canons.

The appointment, by the Chair, of the committee of nine on those portions of the Bishop's Address which related to the subject of the division of the Diocese, was announced by the Secretary as follows: The Hon. James Forsyth, the Rev. Dr. J. I. Tucker, the Hon. James Gibson, Ben. P. Burhans, Esq., the Hon. Francis N. Mann, W. J. Averell, Esq., the Rev. W. R. Johnson, the Rev. J. S. Kidney, and David Finley, Esq.

On motion, Canon VIII was adopted.

Judge Cushney moved to amend Canon IX, Section 3, line 2, by substituting "ten" for "two." The amendment was passed, and on motion, Canon IX, as amended, was adopted.

On motion, Canon X was adopted.

On motion, Canon XI was adopted.

On motion, Canon XII was adopted.

On motion, Canon XIII was adopted.

On motion, Canon XIV was adopted.

The following amendment to Canon XVI was adopted:

SECTION 1. Any residents of any town, village or district, in which there is no organized Parish, may make application to the Bishop to organize a Mission in and for such town, village or district, which application shall be in the following or similar form, viz:

To the Right Reverend , Bishop of the Diocese of Albany:

We, the undersigned, residents of the town of , county of , Diocese of Albany, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us, as you think fit. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of said

Church, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Albany, and to the rules regulating Missionary Stations in this Diocese. And in accordance with these rules, we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission, under the name of Mission . Furthermore, we hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, in four equal quarterly installments, the sum of at least for the first year.

Respectfully, your obedient servants.

This application should be signed by all the adults who propose to be members of the Mission.

The following proposed amendments to Canon XVI, were referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons :

(II). In case such town, village or district, or any part or parts thereof, sh be within the limits of any organized Parish or Parishes, the said application sh be accompanied by the written consent of the rector or rectors thereof, or by statement that such consent is refused, or cannot be obtained; in which case shall be the duty of the Bishop to inquire why such consent is refused or cann be had, and to consider the reasons thereof.

SECTION 2. (I.) Upon any such application, the Bishop may, in his discretio proceed, or may refuse, to organize a Mission; and if he shall decide so to procee he shall appoint the following officers, who shall serve for the first year, aft which they shall be elected annually by the congregation, on Tuesday, in Easte week, in the same manner as Wardens and Vestrymen are elected in Parishes, viz A Warden, &c.

On motion of the Rev. T. M. Thorpe, Section 6 was amended s as to read "Provided with a Church or rectory," &c.

On motion, Canon XVI, as amended, was adopted.

The following proposed amendments to Canon XVII were referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons :

Amendment offered by the Secretary :

To Section 2, after the words "systematic way," insert "at least one-tenth of the gross income of the Parish to the Common Fund of the Diocese, to be paid quarterly by the Clergyman or Treasurer of each Parish to the Treasurer of the Diocese, and by him to be paid quarterly to the Treasurer of the Funds, Societies, Incorporations, Trustees or Committees hereinafter mentioned, and in the proportions as directed by the Convention, to wit: One-tenth to be equally divided among the funds for which contributions are demanded by the Canons of the General Convention; one-tenth to the Diocesan Fund of the Diocese of Albany; one-half-tenth to the Protestant Episcopal Society, for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York; one-half-tenth to the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany and its vicinity; one-tenth to the Board of Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York; one-tenth to Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen of the Diocese of Albany; and five-tenths to the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany; the

aforesaid contributions to be in lieu of all collections for General or Diocesan purposes now required by the Canons, with the exception of the yearly assessment, so long as it may be needed, to supply the deficiency in the income of the fund for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

Amendment offered by G. P. Keese, Esq., lay delegate of Christ Church, Cooperstown:

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of every minister in charge of a Parish or Congregation in this Diocese, to cause a collection to be made at least once in every year, within his cure, for each of the objects named in Section 2 of this Canon, and to forward the amount so collected to the Treasurers of the respective Funds, as therein provided.

Amendment offered by B. H. Hall, Esq., lay delegate of St. John's Church, Troy:

Section 5, line 3, strike out "Prayer Books," and insert "Books of Common Prayer."

Amendment offered by Col. Butler, lay delegate of St. Mary's Church, Luzerne:

Section 2, line 7, after the word "clergymen," insert "and for Church building extension."

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, to consider the addition of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, as an organ for the offerings of the Diocese for the education of candidates for Holy Orders.

Resolved, That it be referred to the same Committee to consider some plan for combining the offerings called for in Sections 6 and 7 of Canon XVII, and to place their disposition wholly under this Diocese.

On motion, Canon XVII was adopted.

On motion, Canon XVIII was adopted.

On motion, Canon XIX was adopted.

On motion, Canon XX was adopted.

On motion of Judge Gibson, it was

Resolved, That the Canons we have adopted, with Canons I, II and VII of the Diocese of New York, be adopted as the Canons of the Diocese of Albany.*

* For Canons, as adopted, see Appendix III.

On motion of the Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons, with the addition of the Bishop as chairman, be instructed to reconsider the Constitution, together with all the proposed amendments of the Constitution and Canons referred to them; and that they cause their report to be printed and sent to all the Parishes of the Diocese at least sixty days before the time of meeting of the next Annual Convention, and that the Convention shall then take final action upon the Constitution and Canons, the vote of a majority of the Convention, voting either together or by orders, as the Convention shall then determine, being decisive.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Babcock, it was

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the subject of a Church School for girls, be referred to a committee of five, to report to this or the next Convention, upon that subject, and also upon the general subject of Church education.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. J. H. Babcock, the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., W. H. DeWitt, Esq., W. N. Chadwick, Esq., G. P. Keyes, Esq., as a committee on Church Education.

On motion of the Hon. James Forsyth, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President to prepare and obtain an act of incorporation from the Legislature, of the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany.

The President appointed the Hon. James Forsyth, the Hon. J. V. L. Pruyn, and Orlando Meads, Esq.

On motion of the Hon. James Gibson, it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed to procure an act of incorporation of the Board of Missions, also procure an act for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergymen of this Diocese.

The committee appointed to answer the telegram from the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island, offered the following report, which was adopted, as the answer of this Convention:

The Convention of the Diocese of Albany have received, with lively emotions of fraternal sympathy, the telegram of the Diocese of Long Island. May grace, mercy and peace be ever with the honored Bishop and brethren of our sister Diocese, and may our common labors for the promotion of Catholic truth, unity and peace, be ever under the guidance, sanction and blessing of the Holy Ghost.

T. W. COIT,
O. MEADS,
S. B. BOSTWICK,
N. S. RULISON,
S. H. WEBB.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as related to the offer to the Bishop by the Vestry of the use of St. Peter's Church, Albany, reported the following resolution, and recommended its adoption by the Convention :

Resolved, That the Convention has heard, with unfeigned pleasure, of the offer made by the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, to the Bishop of the Diocese, of the "free use of the church edifice for such Episcopal acts and Diocesan purposes as may be agreeable to the Bishop and beneficial to the Diocese," and desires to express its conviction that there could be no more appropriate edifice in which to transact the formal public Episcopal and Conventional acts.

GEO. L. NEIDE,
JOHN IRVING FORBES,
A. HAUN.

On motion, the resolution offered by the committee was adopted.

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary presented their report, as follows :

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary, beg leave to report, that no action is called for at present.

J. IRELAND TUCKER,
W. N. CHADWICK,
JAMES ROY.

The Committee of Conference on the Division of the Charitable Funds, reported as follows :

The committee of this Diocese, appointed to confer with similar committees of the Dioceses of New York and Long Island, concerning a just and equitable division of the charitable funds of the Dioceses, respectfully report,

That there has been no conference of the committees. The chairman of the committee of the Diocese of New York informed us that the committee of that Diocese would not meet until about the 25th of September. We naturally await the lead of the mother Diocese. The funds, therefore, remain in the same condition as at the close of the Convention of New York in 1868.

S. B. BOSTWICK,
J. IRELAND TUCKER,
J. H. VAN ANTWERP,
W. ROSS JOHNSON,
W. H. DE WITT.

The Rev. Mr. Townsend presented the report of the Committee on the Diocesan Fund.

The Committee on the Diocesan Fund respectfully report,

That they have had under consideration the report of the Treasurer of the Convention, from which they ascertained that up to the meeting of the Convention forty-two (42) Parishes had paid their assessments to the Diocesan Fund, amount-

ing in the aggregate to the sum of $572.17. Further, that about fifty (50) Parishes had not paid. However, during the session a few additional Parishes have paid, the sum amounting to about $150.

There has been paid out of the Fund for various items, as per the Treasurer's Report, the sum of $512.89, leaving a balance on hand of $59.28.

There is still due a bill for printing, &c., amounting to $410.53, which must be provided for out of the funds yet to be received.

Your Committee are of the opinion that if the Parishes pay in the proposed assessment of two per cent on their Rector's salaries, the expenses for this year can be met, and the mileage of the clergy be paid.

They offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of the Convention and the printing of the Journal.

Resolved, That there be paid to the Clergy who reside more than twenty miles from the place of the meeting of the Convention, and whose Parishes pay the quota assessed, seven cents per mile for every mile of the distance from their respective Parishes, provided that the Treasurer thinks the fund will warrant such an appropriation.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

JOHN TOWNSEND,
Chairman.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ALBANY, *Sept.* 30, 1869.

On motion, the resolutions offered by the Committee on the Diocesan Fund were adopted.

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, rector of Trinity Church, West Troy, it was

Resolved, That the Parishes be requested to pay up their assessments for the Diocesan Fund during the session of the Convention, if they have not already done so.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Townsend, the Secretary was directed to print and publish fifteen hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. E. S. Widdemer, rector of St. Luke's Church, Troy, it was

Resolved, That the mileage of the Clergy be paid out of the present funds of the Diocese before the other expenses be paid.

On motion of the Rev. J. W. Mulford, rector of Christ Church, Troy, it was

Resolved, That the suggestion in the Bishop's address in reference to the desirableness of making Baptism a requisition of membership of vestries of this Diocese, be referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of the Standing Committee.

On motion of the Rev. E. S. Widdemer the ballot was dispensed with, and the members of the Standing Committee of last year were renominated.

On motion the Rev. T. W. Coit, D. D., LL.D., the Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, the Rev. J. Livingston Reese, Mr. James Roy, Orlando Meads, Thomas A. Tillinghast, Robert B. Monell, were declared elected as the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the vacancies among the deputies to the Federate Council be filled.

Judge Forsyth nominated the Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D., and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown.

On motion of the same the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. N. W. Camp, D. D., and the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown were elected Deputies to the Federate Council.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all assessments laid by this Convention in *pro rata* of clergymen's salaries be considered as applying to the amount received as such directly from their respective Parishes, and not to include the amount received as missionary stipends.

On motion of the Hon. R. H. Cushney, it was

Resolved, In view of the pressing importance of our missionary work, and of the depleted condition of the treasury, that the Rectors of Parishes present be requested (as they have heretofore) to pledge annual contributions to the treasury, and in cases where Rectors of Parishes are not present, that the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee be instructed to address the several Rectors and Vestries of such Parishes to make pledges of such contributions.

On motion it was

Resolved, That all Parishes that have failed to make good the pledges for the purposes of Diocesan missions, made at the Primary Convention of this Diocese, be earnestly requested to redeem said pledges without delay.

J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the Diocese, and nominated Gen. S. E. Marvin as his successor.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. Van Antwerp was accepted.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Gen. Selden E. Marvin was elected Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund respectfully report,

That they have examined and compared the same with the vouchers presented, and have also examined the securities held, and have found the same to agree with the statement of the Treasurer as presented, aud that the amount of the fund at this date is $33,596.58, and a bond of St. John's Church, Cohoes, of $1,000.

G. POMEROY KEESE,
WM. J. AVERELL,
Committee.

Dated ALBANY, *Sept.* 30, 1869.

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Fund respectfully report,

That they have compared the same with the vouchers therefor, and have found the statement to be correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $59.28.

G. POMEROY KEESE,
WM. J. AVERELL,
Committee.

Dated ALBANY, *Sept.* 30, 1869.

The Committee on the accounts of the Treasurer of the Fund for the Salary of the Bishop presented the following report:

The Committee on the Treasurer's report of the income assessed to pay the Bishop's salary respectfully report,

That they have examined and compared the same with the vouchers presented, and have found the account correct, and that there is a balance of cash on hand of $263.25, at this date.

G. POMEROY KEESE,
WM. J. AVERELL,
Committee.

Dated ALBANY, *Sept.* 30, 1869.

The Missionary Committee of the Diocese presented the following report:

The Missionary Committee beg leave respectfully to report,

That their first meeting was held on the 21st day of December, when letters of resignation were received from two of the lay members, Mr. Joseph M. Warren and Mr. Joseph W. Fuller, which being accepted, the vacancies were filled by the

election of the Hon. Uri Gilbert, of St. Paul's Church, Troy, and the Hon. James Gibson, of St. Paul's Church, Salem. The Rev. J. B. Gibson was elected President *pro tem.*, the Rev. G. H. Walsh, Secretary, and the Rev. W. R. Johnson, Treasurer.

The Committee as thus organized immediately addressed themselves to the consideration of the important interests committed to their care. An accurate survey of the missionary field was made, and the result deeply impressed the Committee with the necessity of immediate action in providing the waste places of the Diocese with "the means of grace," and in strengthening those Parishes which were still feeble and ready to die.

Of the eighty clergymen belonging to the Diocese, forty, or one-half, are in part dependent on the Missionary Fund. Pledges amounting to about $4,000 were made at the Primary Convention for this object, and when it is remembered that the pecuniary ability of the Parishes outside of the larger cities and towns is exceedingly limited, we must regard those pledges as very generous. And yet these were found altogether inadequate to meet our growing necessities. The missionary work is continually extending on every hand, and if it is to prove successful in the establishment of the Church on a permanent foundation, those to whom this work has been committed must be *liberally* supported. The means thus placed at our disposal were found quite insufficient to meet our obligations, and we were therefore compelled to turn for help to the Mother Diocese, and we are happy and thankful to report that our appeal met with a hearty and generous response. An appropriation at the rate of $5,000 per annum was made by the Missionary Committee of New York for the work of missions in our yet infant Diocese. This, with the pledges already referred to, has enabled us to discharge every claim up to the first day of July.

The Treasurer has received during the Conventional year to this date, $6,573.99, of which sum $2,527 was received from the Treasurer of the New York Missionary Committee. There has been paid out to this date, $4,953.03, leaving $1,620.96 to meet the payments now due.

According to the appropriations made by the Committee, and which are by no means as liberal as they should be, at least $10,000 will be required for the next Conventional year.

In view, therefore, of the amount thus needed to carry on efficiently the missionary work of the Diocese, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Missionary Committee of the Diocese of New York for their liberal appropriation to the work of missions in this Diocese, and respectfully request that it be continued for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the success of our Diocesan missions depends, under God, upon the hearty sympathies, the earnest prayers, and the systematic and liberal offerings of the churchmen of the Diocese.

GEORGE HERBERT WALSH,
Secretary.

The resolutions recommended were adopted.

Pledges to the Missionary Fund for the ensuing year were made by several rectors, as follows:

ALBANY COUNTY.	
Albany, Grace	
Holy Innocents'	$100
St. Paul's	100
St. Peter's	300
Trinity	
Cohoes, St. John's	100
Green Island, St. Mark's	20
Rensselaerville, Trinity	20
South Westerlo, Emmanuel	
West Troy, Trinity	100
CLINTON COUNTY.	
Centreville, St. Paul's	
Champlain, St. John's	
Ellenburgh, St. Peter's	
Plattsburgh, Trinity	
Rouse's Point, Christ	
COLUMBIA COUNTY	
Claverack, Trinity	
Copake, St. John's	
Hudson, Christ	200
Kinderhook, St. Paul's	
Stockport, St. John's	50
Clermont	10
DELAWARE COUNTY.	
Bloomville, Grace	
Delhi, St. John's	
Franklin, St. Paul's	20
Hobart, St. Peter's	
Walton, Christ	
ESSEX COUNTY.	
Essex, St. John's	
Keeseville, St. Paul's	30
Ticonderoga, Of the Cross	35
FRANKLIN COUNTY.	
Malone, St. Mark's	100
FULTON COUNTY.	
Johnstown, St. John's	
Northampton, The Redeemer	
GREENE COUNTY.	
Athens, Trinity	
Cairo, Calvary	
Catskill, St. Luke's	150
Coxsackie, Christ	20
Greenville, Christ	
Oakhill, St. Paul's	
Prattsville, Grace	
Windham, Trinity	

HERKIMER COUNTY.

Fairfield, Trinity	
Herkimer, Christ	
Little Falls, Emmanuel	
Norway, Grace	5

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Amsterdam, St. Ann's	
Canajoharie, St. Polycarp's	
Fonda, Zion	10

OTSEGO COUNTY.

Butternuts, Christ	20
Cherry Valley, Grace	25
Cooperstown, Christ	170
Exeter, St. John's	
Garrattsville, St. Mark's	
Morris, Zion	225
Otego, Immanuel	20
Richfield, St. Luke's	10
Richfield Springs, St. John's	
Unadilla, St. Matthew's	
Westford, St. Timothy's	100

RENSSELAER COUNTY.

Greenbush, Messiah	25
Hoosac Falls, St. Mark's	
Lansingburgh, Trinity	
Schaghticoke, Trinity	
Troy, Christ	
St. John's	200
St. Luke's	20
St. Paul's	Same as last year.

SARATOGA COUNTY.

Ballston Spa, Christ	$50
Burnt Hills, Calvary	20
Charlton, St. Paul's	10
Mechanicsville, St. Luke's	80
Saratoga Springs, Bethesda	
Schuylerville, St. Stephen's	Off'rg.
Stillwater, St. John's	$6
Waterford, Grace	30
West Charlton, St. Mary's	

SCHENECTADY COUNTY.

Duanesburgh, Christ	25
Schenectady, St. George's	175

SCHOHARIE COUNTY.

Schoharie, St. Andrews	5

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Canton, Grace	
Morristown, Christ	
Norfolk, Grace	
Ogdensburgh, St. John's	
Potsdam, Trinity	150
Waddington, St. Paul's	8

WARREN COUNTY.

Caldwell, St. James'	
Chester (Pottersville), Christ	
Glen's Falls, Messiah	10
Luzerne, St. Mary's	13
Warrensburgh, Holy Cross	

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Cambridge, St. Luke's	
Fort Edward, St. James'	50
Granville, Trinity	20
Hampton, Christ	
Salem, St. Paul's	40
Sandy Hill, Zion	50
Whitehall, St. Paul's	
Trinity	

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Camp, it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the clerical members of this Convention are hereby tendered to the citizens of Albany for their generous and agreeable hospitality extended to us during the session of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Oct.* 1, 1869.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. J. S. Clark, residing at Saratoga Springs, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Winkley, of Massena, the Rev. J. Randall, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills, and the Rev. H. H. Prout, of Cairo.

The Bishop took the Chair.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Salary of the Bishop was taken from the table and read.

REPORT.

The Committee on the Bishop's Salary Fund, beg leave to report that at a meeting of said Committee, held March 8, 1868, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That to provide for the deficiency of the income from the "Endowment Fund" for support of the Bishop for the present Diocesan year, an assessment of $2,500 be laid on the Parishes of the Diocese of Albany.

Resolved, That a sub-committee of three be appointed to assess the Parishes in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and as nearly as possible with regard to their substantial strength and with due regard for the contributions of the respective Parishes to the endowment of the Episcopate, and said assessments be made payable to J. H. Van Antwerp, Esq., Treasurer of the Bishop's salary fund.

In accordance with said resolution, the sub-committee assessed the Parishes of the Diocese as follows: On the basis of four-tenths of one per cent of the estimate valuation of Church property, with an allowance at the rate of seven per cent per annum on the contributions made, and a proper consideration of the substantial strength of the Parishes as set forth in the resolutions, viz:

ALBANY COUNTY..	St. Peter's.....	Albany	$100
	St. Paul's.....	Albany	80
	Trinity.....	Albany.....	55
	Holy Innocents.....	Albany.....	10
	St. John's.....	Cohoes	
	St. Mark's.....	Green Island.....	20
	Trinity.....	Rensselaerville.....	5
	Trinity.....	West Troy.....	25
	Grace.....	Albany.....	55
CLINTON COUNTY.....	St. John's.....	Champlain	5
	Trinity.....	Plattsburgh	40
	Christ	Rouse's Point.....	10
COLUMBIA COUNTY.....	Trinity.....	Claverack.....	10
	St. John.....	Vermont.....	5
	St. John.....	Stockport	40
	Christ.....	Hudson	50
	St. Paul's	Kinderhook.....	25
DELAWARE COUNTY....	Grace.	Bloomville	5
	St. John's	Delhi.....	25
	Christ	Deposit.....	5
	St. Paul's.....	Franklin.....	20
	St. Peter's	Hobart	15
	Christ.....	Walton.....	25
ESSEX COUNTY.....	St. John's.....	Essex	10
	St. Paul's.....	Keeseville.....	15
FRANKLIN COUNTY.....	St. Mark's.....	Malone	25
	St. Peter's.....	Brush's Mills.....	5

GREENE COUNTY	St. Luke's	Catskill	25
	Trinity	Athens	20
	Calvary	Cairo	5
	Christ	Coxsackie	10
	St. Paul's	Greenville	10
	St. Paul's	Oak Hill	20
	Grace	Prattsville	5
	Trinity	Windham	5
FULTON COUNTY	St. John's	Johnstown	50
		Gloversville	5
	Church of the Redeemer	North Hampton	5
HERKIMER COUNTY	Grace	Norway	5
		Newport	5
	Emmanuel	Little Falls	15
	Christ	Herkimer	10
	Trinity	Fairfield	10
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	Zion	Fonda	10
	St. Ann	Amsterdam	30
OTSEGO COUNTY	St. Luke's	Richfield	10
	Christ	West Burlington	5
	St. Timothy	Westford	5
	St. Matthew's	Unadilla	25
	St. John's	Richfield Sp'g	10
	St. John's	Portland	5
	Immanuel	Otego	10
		Oneonta	10
	Zion	Morris	40
		Laurens	10
	St. Mark's	Garrattsville	5
	St. John's	Exeter	5
	Christ	Cooperstown	60
	Grace	Cherry Valley	20
	Christ	Butternuts	35
RENSSELAER COUNTY	Church of the Messiah	Greenbush	20
		Hoosac	20
	St. Mark's	Hoosac Falls	20
	Trinity	Lansingburgh	40
	St. Paul's	Troy	300
	St. John's	Troy	200
	Christ	Troy	100
	Holy Cross	Troy	140
	St. Luke's	Troy	10
SARATOGA COUNTY	Christ	Ballston	30
	Calvary	Ballston	25
		Burnt Hills	10
	St. Paul's	Charlton	5
	St. Luke's	Mechanicsville	15
	Bethesda	Saratoga	25
	St. Stephen's	Schuylerville	5
	St. John's	Stillwater	10
	Grace	Waterford	50

SCHENECTADY COUNTY..	St. George's.....	Schenectady.....	25
	Christ.....	Schenectady.....	5
	Christ.....	Duanesburgh.....	70
SCHOHARIE COUNTY....	St. Luke's.....	Middleburgh.....	5
	Trinity	Sharon	35
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY.	Grace.....	Canton	10
	.....	Gouverneur	10
	.....	Lawrence.....	10
	St. Luke's.....	Lisbon.....	10
	Christ	Morristown	10
	Grace..... ..	Norfolk.....	5
	St. John's.....	Ogdensburgh.....	50
	Trinity	Potsdam	30
	St. Paul's	Waddington.....	30
WARREN COUNTY.....	Holy Cross.....	Warrensburgh.....	25
	St. Mary's.....	Luzerne.....	5
	Messiah.....	Glen's Falls.....	50
	Christ	Chester.....	5
	St. James.....	Caldwell.....	5
	St. Sacrament.....	Bolton.....	5
WASHINGTON COUNTY...	St. James.....	Fort Edward.....	30
	St. Luke's.....	Cambridge	5
	.....	Harrisena.....	5
	St. Paul's	Salem.....	15
	Trinity.....	Whitehall.....	10
	Zion.....	Sandy Hill.....	30

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES ROY, *Chairman.*

J. J. TILLINGHAST, *Secretary.*

September 29, 1869.

At the request of the Committee, the following communication from the Vestry of Christ Church, Hudson, was received as a part of their report.

The Vestry of Christ Church, in the city of Hudson, desire to explain why they have failed to contribute the assessment made on this Parish to pay the Bishop's salary.

When the effort was made to raise forty thousand dollars as a Diocesan fund, the proportion of this Parish was fixed at $1,400 as the minimum sum; $1,129.60 was raised and paid to the treasurer of this fund, when it was ascertained that some of the wealthy Parishes had failed to raise any part of their proportion of the fund, and we took no further steps to raise the balance to make up the $1,400. The sum raised by us was upon the understanding that the whole sum of $40,000 would be raised in this Diocese, and that a like sum would be contributed by the Diocese of New York, and that the fund thus to be obtained would produce an income sufficient to pay the Bishop's salary, and that this Parish would not be called upon to contribute any more for that purpose.

We are ignorant of the basis on which the assessment of $50 on this Parish is made. If it is our full proportion of the deficiency without regard to the amounts paid, then it is claimed to be unjust, and the Parishes which have not contributed to the fund should pay a larger sum than those that have.

This Parish is ready at any time to pay the balance of the sum required of them to make up the $40,000, and the Vestry pledge themselves to do so when the whole amount is raised.

They desire further to state, that their failure to provide for this assessment is not owing to any unfriendly feeling towards their Diocesan. On the contrary, he was the unanimous choice of the Rector and delegates in the Convention which elected him, and their action was approved by this Parish.

They respectfully ask the Secretary of the Committee on the Bishop's salary, to annex this paper to his report, or to furnish the same to the Convention soon to assemble, when this report shall be made.

By order of Vestry,

R. B. MONELL, *Clerk.*

HUDSON, *September* 24, 1869.

The following report was received from the Superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York:

The Superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York, as the canonical agent for distributing all funds raised for theological education, would most respectfully report,

That by Canon XV of the Diocese of New York, adopted in 1842, and which is still unrepealed, the business of distributing all funds that may be raised for the educating of young men for holy orders is committed to the society styled "The Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York," which shall make a full annual report to the Convention of all moneys paid into its treasury under the provisions of this Canon, or by the Treasurer of the Convention from any source.

In accordance with these canonical provisions the undersigned feels it to be his duty and privilege to submit the following brief report, in behalf of the above named society, to the Convention of the Diocese of Albany, and most respectfully to invite the attention of the Convention to a consideration of the subject of the support of theological education as provided for by the Canon, and to request that such action may be taken as may be deemed advisable in view of the change of relation between the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning and the present Diocese of Albany, consequent upon its separation from the Diocese of New York.

Money expended in support of Theological Education and Learning in the State of New York during the year, from October, 1868, *to October,* 1869.

GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Paid 14 students of the Senior Class	$2,361
Paid 23 students of the Middle Class	4,848
Paid 17 students of the Junior Class	3,776
Paid for fuel for Boarding Club	204
Total General Theological Seminary	$11,189

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Paid 4 students	$400

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Paid 41 students	$7,402
Paid professors	3,500
Total St. Stephen's College	$10,902

RECAPITULATION.

Paid to General Theological Seminary	$11,189
Paid to Columbia College	400
Paid to St. Stephen's College	10,902
Total	$22,491

Contributions received from Parishes during the current year up to date (September 29), $1,019.77.

In conclusion the Superintendent would say that several students, both at St. Stephen's College and the General Theological Seminary, thus aided, belong to the Diocese of Albany, and that it is the wish of the Society to make no distinction in granting its benefactions, on the ground of Diocesan divisions, within the limits of the State of New York. It is greatly to be lamented that the contributions to the treasury of the Society are so very small. The Society does all that it can do. It gives until it has no more to give. Applicants remain unprovided for in large numbers, and are on the increase. The churches of the Dioceses are expected to supplement the twenty-one thousand dollars given by the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York. The response to this expectation comes in at last, and the whole amount contributed by the Parishes of the Dioceses of Albany, New York and Long Island in the cause of theological education, as provided fcr by Canon, will not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent for the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York.

NEW YORK CITY, *Feast of St. Michael and all Angels*, 1869.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., it was

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to forward to the Superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning a certified copy of Section 4, of Canon XVII, of this Diocece, as the response of this Convention to the action of that venerable Society.

The Rev. Charles A. Wenman, rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, offered an amendment to Canon II, Section 13, so as to make the parenthesis read "twenty Clergymen and Lay Delegates *from twenty Parishes or Congregations*," which, on motion of the same, was referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be offered to the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, for the convenient arrangements made for the session of this body.

On motion of the Rev. John Townsend, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, for their very laborious and most satisfactory services in behalf of the same.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That after the reading of the Minutes, and the usual devotions, this Convention will adjourn *sine die*.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop made a brief parting address.

Hymn 220 (from Hymns Ancient and Modern) was sung.

The Rev. D. H. Buel said the Lord's Prayer and several appropriate Collects.

The Bishop pronounced the Blessing.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

[Attest.]

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE,
Bishop of Albany,
and President of the Convention.

J. H. HOBART BROWN, *Secretary*,
ROBERT WEEKS, *Assistant Secretary*.

ALBANY, *October* 1, A. D. 1869.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS FOR CONVENTIONAL YEAR,

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, A. D., 1868.

Albany County.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ALBANY.

The Rt. Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE, S. T. D., in charge; the Rev. GEORGE FISHER, Assistant Minister.

Wardens—Thomas Hun, Charles M. Jenkins.

Vestrymen—Jno. S. Perry, Erastus Corning, Jr., Cornelius Schuyler, Lyman Tremain, S. J. Roe, S. H. Hammond, Samuel Moffatt, S. E Marvin.

Families, 253; Baptisms: adult, 3, infants, 34—total, 37. Confirmed, 41. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 80; private, 25—total, 105; Communicants, present number, about 400. Marriages, 9. Burials, 20. Divine Service: Sundays, 2, Holy Days, 2, Lent, 2, other days, 2—total, about 750. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 200. Sunday School: number of teachers, 35; number of pupils, about 200.

Parish Institutions.—For Orphans: St. Peter's Orphans' Home; number of inmates, 20.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth $160,000; condition good. Parsonage, $10,000; condition good; other property, $4,000; number of sittings in the Church, 850; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $4,000 and rectory.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$10,000 00	Domestic Committee	552 49
For the Poor	1,385 46	Foreign Committee	25 28
Sunday School purposes	564 03	Theological Education—student at Annandale	254 62
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.	1,761 23	Southern Relief	176 00
Diocesan Fund	60 00	St. Stephen's College	121 91
Endowment of Episcopate	8,504 75	Centennial Memorial Chapel,	5,612 00
Salary of the Bishop	100 00	General Church Purposes	574 77
Missionary Fund	1,376 88		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	126 50	Total	$31,271 63
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	74 71		

GRACE CHURCH, ALBANY.

The REV. EDWIN B. RUSSELL, Rector.

Wardens—William R. Ford, Henry J. Wells.

Vestrymen—George H. Gibbons, Joseph Mather, Edward S. Lawson, John Jones, Joseph Strong, John McBride, William Kirtland.

Families, 115; Individuals, 357. Baptisms: adult, 23, infant, 34—total, 57. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 26; private, 11—total, 37. Communicants: admitted 13; received from other Parishes, 15; removed, 12; died, 7; present number, 150. Marriages, 12. Burials, 18. Divine Service: Sundays, 50, Holy Days, 10, Lent, 40, other days, 20—total, 120. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12. Sunday School: number of teachers, 20; number of pupils, 125.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth $20,000, unincumbered. Number of sittings in the Church, about 300; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,301 87	Missions in Florida, Bishop Young	20 00
Sunday School Purposes	175 00	Total	$1,736 87
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.	210 00		
Missionary Fund	25 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	5 00		

The amount of $100 to the Episcopal Endowment Fund, in September, 1868, was reported to the N. Y. Convention.

HOLY INNOCENTS' CHURCH, ALBANY.

The Rev. ROYAL MARSHALL, Rector.

Wardens—William N. DeWitt, William Mason.

Vestrymen—Joshua Rathbun, Oscar L. Hacey, Frank Jones, Gerrit T. Brall, William Reynolds, Caleb Palmer, George Rork, Sen., Samuel M. Van Santvoord.

Families, 125; Individuals, 200. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 29—total, 34. Confirmed, 16. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations: once every month, and on all the greater festivals. Communicants: admitted 16; received from other Parishes, 10; removed, 6; died, 3; present number, 100. Marriages, 10. Burials, 33. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, once a month; number of children taught, 150. Sunday School: number of teachers, 30; number of pupils, 175.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $30,000; condition prime. Other property: stone chapel; number of sittings in the Church, 300, single seats; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, private; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,500 00	Board of Missions	$100 00
For the Poor	80 00	Domestic Committee	25 27
Sunday School purposes	120 00	Foreign Committee	70 00
Diocesan Fund	32 00		
Endowment of Episcopate	1,395 39	Total	$4,422 66
Missionary Fund	75 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	25 00		

There are necessarily some indiscrepancies in this report owing to a change of Rectors in the Parish of the Holy Innocents' during the past ecclesiastical year, but I have made out the figures as best I could from the unfinished condition of the Parish Register. I hope to do better next year.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALBANY.

The Rev. J. LIVINGSTON REESE, Rector.

Wardens—C. W. Bender, John H. Van Antwerp.

Vestrymen—Ira Porter, Thomas Squires, James H. Osborn, W. Lacy, John Woodward, Jr., W. W. Hill, Jacob S. Mosher, Hiram Perry.

Families, 300. Communicants: present number, about 325. Sunday School: number of teachers, 44; number of pupils, 407. Mission Sunday School: number of teachers, 18; children, 125.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth $60,000; condition good; Parsonage lot, $2,500; other property, Mission, $4,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 750; free, 100; present indebtedness of the Parish $600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$6,000 00	Domestic Committee	101 54
Sunday School purposes	300 00	Foreign Committee	42 69
Diocesan Fund and Expenses	115 00	Theological Instruction	75 00
Endowment of Episcopate, about	4,000 00	Deaf Mutes Mission	250 00
Salary of the Bishop,	80 00	Total	$11,108 46
Board of Missions	144 23		

TRINITY CHURCH, ALBANY.

The Rev. E. SELKIRK, Rector.

Wardens—A. S. Beers, James Bell.

Vestrymen—George Cummings, William Granger, William Littel, William Grey, Jno. Pritchard, Jno. Sheriden, R. I. Story, R. W.C. Mitchell.

Families, 90; Individuals, 450. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 24—total, 25. Confirmed, 14. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12; Communicants: admitted 9; received from other Parishes, 7; removed, 18; stricken from the Register, 20; present number, 101. Marriages, 15. Burials, 21. Divine Service: Sundays, 104, Holy Days, 4, Lent, 53, other days, 2—total, 163. The children are catechized weekly in the Sunday School room. Sunday School: number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 100.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth $40,000; condition tolerable; Parsonage and lot, $10,000; condition tolerable; number of sittings in the Church, 450; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, $1,200; some $300 subscribed towards the amount; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, no amount.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses paid, about	$500 00	Endowment of Episcopate, in all	$105 58
For the Poor	25 70		
Sunday School purposes	63 29		
*Salary of Bishop		Total	$684 57

Owing to the very limited financial ability of the mass of the people connected with this Parish, and the constant effort which has been made during the past year to accomplish the important work of building a Rectory, which is not yet entirely paid for, but little has been done financially, outside of Parish expenses. We hope for better things in the future.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, COHOES.

The Rev. J. H. HOBART BROWN, Rector.

Wardens—William N. Chadwick, Guy Blakely.

Vestrymen—Murray Hubbard, W. E. Thorn, E. J. Dixon, J. F. Niver, M. D., John Mc Mullan, George Campbell, W. S. Smith, Joseph Chadwick.

Families, about 220; Individuals, about 1,100. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 44—total, 48. Confirmed, 15. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 21; private, 13—total, 34. Communicants: admitted, 11; received from other Parishes, 16; removed, 6; died, 7; present number, 219. Marriages, 12; Burials, 29. Divine Service: Sundays, 116, Holy Days, 9, Lent, 80, other days, 86—total, 291. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 40; number of children taught, about 150. Sunday School: number of teachers, 30; number of pupils, 260.

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* Amount assessed has not as yet been raised, but expect it will be soon.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $11,000; condition fair; Parsonage and lot, $6,000; condition fair; other property, $4,000; number of sittings in the Church, 350; free; present indebtedness of Parish, about $2,300, of which $800 on bond to the Episcopate Endowment Fund; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,250.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,054 88	Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	$13 04
For the Poor (communion alms)	220 09	Domestic Committee	5 00
Sunday School purposes	188 11	Foreign Committee	5 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c	704 00	For the Jews	2 83
Diocesan Fund	45 00	Total	$4,090 91
Endowment of Episcopate	715 46		
Missionary Fund	137 50		

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, GREEN ISLAND.

The Rev. EDWARD T. CHAPMAN, Rector.

Families, 64; Individuals, 258. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 16—total, 20. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 17; private, 2—total, 19. Communicants: admitted, 6; removed, 6; died, 2; present number, 50. Marriages, 2; Burials, 8. Divine Service: Sundays, 2, Holy Days, 1. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 130. Sunday School: number of teachers, 15. Parish School, semi-supporting; number of teachers, 3; pupils: boys, 21, girls, 23: total, 44.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $15,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 264; free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$718 89	Missionary Fund	$20 00
Sunday School purposes	125 00		
Salary of the Bishop	20 00	Total	$883 89

TRINITY CHURCH, RENSSELAERVILLE.

The Rev. CHARLES A. WENMAN, Rector.

Wardens—James Grant Jarvis, Franklin Frisbee.

Vestrymen—A. E. Burt, Edward Smith, Perry Gifford, James Prosser, Sylvester Stone, N. Teed, John L. Rice, Robert Washbon, Jr.

Families, 30; Individuals, 75. Baptisms: adult, 9; infant, 2—total, 11. Confirmed, 25. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, monthly, and on greater festivals. Communicants: admitted, 25; removed, 1; present number, 70. Marriages, 3. Divine Service: Sunday mornings, Good Friday. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, monthly. Sunday School: number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 55.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,500; condition excellent; other property, $1,200, in bonds and notes; number of sittings in the Church, 200; owned by occupants; present indebtedness of Parish, nothing; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses	$270 01	Domestic Committee	$21 50
For the Poor	19 38	Foreign Committee	21 50
Diocesan Fund	10 00	General Theological Seminary	5 68
Endowment of Episcopate	2 40	N. Y. B. & C. P. B. Society,	4 43
Salary of the Bishop	5 00	Not specified	15 78
Missionary Fund	11 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	4 43	Total	$636 71
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	8 00		

TRINITY CHURCH, WEST TROY.

The Rev. JOHN TOWNSEND, Rector.

Wardens—James Roy, George B. Fraser.

Vestrymen—P. V. Hagner, William Hollands, William Dickson, John F. Roy, John I. Winne, William Williams, J. Hulsapple, P. Roraback.

Families, 112; Individuals, 14—total, about 400. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 30—total, 31. Confirmed, 16. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 22; private, 2—total, 24. Communicants: admitted, 18: received from other Parishes, 7; removed, 14; died, 5; present number, 146. Marriages, 8; Burials, 20. Divine Service: Sundays, 100, Holy Days, 8, Lent, 52, other days, 48—total, 208 Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, about 150. Sunday School: number of teachers and officers, 18; number of pupils, about 150. Parish School: paid, 1; number of teachers, 4; pupils—boys and girls, about 100.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition good; Parsonage and lot, $8,000; condition good; other property, $2,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 400, which are mostly rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,962 00	Increase of Ministry	$60 00
For the Poor	50 90	Sons of Clergy Fund	30 00
Sunday School purposes	185 19	Girls' School in Florida	10 00
Diocesan Fund	22 50	Thank-offering for Church,	15 00
Endowment of Episcopate	130 00	Missions in Miss	20 00
Salary of the Bishop	26 00	Nashotah, from Sunday School	28 00
Missionary Fund	100 00	Faribault, from S. S	20 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	15 00	St. Augustine's College, from S. S	20 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	15 00	Missions in Army, from S. S.	23 25
Domestic Committee (Thank-offering $30)	55 00	Total	$3,802 84
Home Missions to colored people	15 00		

Clinton County.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CHAMPLAIN.

The Rev. GEORGE L. NEIDE, Rector.

Wardens—David Finley, S. A. Kellogg.

Vestrymen—G. W. Goulding, W. N. Coit, M. D., J. S. Smith, James Averill, James Forbes, N. Durham, W. R. Gordon.

Families, 22; individuals, 106. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 3—total, 7. Confirmed, 6. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3—total, 18. Communicants: admitted, 8; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 49. Marriages, 2; Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 90, Holy Days, 7, Lent, 8, other days, 5—total, 110. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 15; number of children taught, 37. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 37.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,500; condition good; Parsonage lot, $500; no Parsonage; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $350.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$500 00	Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	$1 50
For the Poor	7 00	Endowment of Episcopate	10 00
Diocesan Fund	10 50	Towards lot for Parsonage	300 00
Missionary Fund	17 48		
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 00	Total	$847 48

Services are held every Sunday at St. Luke's Church, Chazy. There are here 14 families and 18 communicants. The Church and lot are estimated to be worth $3,000. No debt; seats free; number of sittings, 150. Contributions to salary, $100; for Frontier Convocation, $30.18.

As there will probably be no report made from St. Paul's, Centreville, and from St. Peter's, Ellenburgh, and as I have officiated frequently at those places, I would report that at Centreville, there are 15 families and 16 communicants. The Church, worth about $1,500, is in very good condition. It will seat 100 persons. The seats are free. The Parsonage and lot are worth $1,200; in good condition.

At Ellenburg, there are 10 families, 11 communicants. The Church is in a very dilapidated condition.

TRINITY CHURCH, PLATTSBURGH.

The Rev. HENRY MCCLORY, Rector.

Families, 125; individuals, 600. Communicants: present number, 175. Parish School—pupils, 170.

I accepted the Rectorship of this Parish the latter part of last July, and, therefore, as my ministry here is of such recent date I cannot give as full and accurate a report as I would like.

I find this a great field of usefulness for the Church, and my prayer is, that both Pastor and People may realize their responsibility in this matter. Since I came here I have performed the marriage service twice, baptized one infant, and attended two funerals.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROUSE'S POINT.

The Rev. N. W. CAMP, D. D., Rector.

Wardens—John Thompson, John Phillips.

Vestrymen—D. Mott, D. White, William T. Crook, H. Hewitt, Rufus Heaton, W. B. Pierce, Thomas H. Slingsby.

Families, 65; Individuals, 37—total, about 350. Baptisms: adult, 18; infant, 30—total, 48. Confirmed, 44. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 23; private, 4—total, 27. Communicants: admitted, 43; died, 1; present number, 150. Marriages, 7; Burials, 4. Divine Service: Sundays, 98, Holy Days, 24, Lent, 21, other days, 4—total, 147. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 42; number of children taught, 63. Sunday School: number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 77.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 300; free; present indebtedness of the Parish, $140; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses, salaries, &c.	$1,200 00	Missionary Fund	$20 00
Sunday School purposes	62 00	B. and C. P. B. Society	7 58
Diocesan Fund	25 00	Miscellaneous	680 98
Endowment of Episcopate	125 00		
Salary of the Bishop	10 00	Total	$2,130 56

The Rev. John H. Hopkins, Jr., was Rector's Assistant until July.

Columbia County.

TRINITY CHURCH, CLAVERACK.

The Rev. JOHN DOWNIE, Rector and Missionary.

Wardens—Stephen H. Webb, Gilbert F. Everson.

Vestrymen—William Henry Philip, Horatio G. Adams, Lewis Skinkle, Gilbert Fleming, John Rowley, Edward Rowley.

Families, 11; Individuals, 38. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 58. Communicants: received from other Parishes, 2; present number, 21. Marriages, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 82, Holy Days, 23, Lent, 8, other days, 120—total, 233. Sunday School: number of teachers, 3; number of pupils, 13.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, about $5,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 130; some rented, some free; present indebtedness of the Parish, $88.67; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $700.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses, salaries, &c.	$116 55	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$2 75
Salary of the Bishop	10 00		
Missionary Fund	9 00	Total	$141 83
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	3 53		

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CLERMONT.

The Rev. W. S. ROWE, Rector and Missionary.

Families and parts of families, 22; Individuals, 120. Baptisms, adult, 1. Communicants: admitted, 5; removed into the Parish, 1; removed from the Parish, 1; present number, 27. The Holy Communion celebrated once a month and on the greater festivals. Sunday School: teachers, 3; Catechumens, 30. Celebration of Divine Service: Sundays, including those at Baker's Mills Missions, 117; Holy Days and other days, 14—total, 131.

Contributions.

Bishop's salary	$5 00	Baker's Mill Mission'y purposes	$1 67
Diocesan Fund	3 50	Parish purposes	89 62
Missionary Com. of the Diocese	10 00		
Albany B. and C. P. B. Society	1 50	Total	$111 29

CHRIST CHURCH, HUDSON.

The Rev. WILLIAM ROSS JOHNSON, Rector.

Wardens—John Crissey, R. B. Monell.

Vestrymen—William B. Skinner, George W. Gibson, Theodore Miller, H. I. Baringer, Horace R. Peck, George Storrs, J. Mosely, M. H. Philip.

Baptisms: adult, 6; infant, 28—total, 34. Confirmed, 21. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 22; private, 10—total, 32. Communicants: died, 5; present number, about 275. Marriages, 7; Burials, 15. Divine Service: all Sundays, twice, most Holy Days, Lent, every day. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, each month. Sunday School: number of teachers, 25; number of pupils, 300.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $50,000; Parsonage and lot, $6,000; other property, organ, $4,000, chapel, $4,000; number of sittings in the Church, 500; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,675 49	Domestic Committee	$224 56
For the Poor	176 95	N. Y. B. and P. Book Society	10 00
Sunday School purposes	101 18	Society for the increase of the Ministry	49 19
Building Fund, &c	763 29	Special Missions	151 30
Diocesan Fund	26 58		
Endowment of Episcopate	1,129 60	Total	$5,502 14
Salary of the Bishop	25 00		
Missionary Fund	169 02		

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KINDERHOOK.

The Rectorship is vacant.

Wardens—James Mitchell, Chester Jarvis.

Vestrymen—David Van Schaack, Francis Sylvester, Henry H. Gibbs, Isaac V. A. Snyder, Augustus W. Wynkoop, Henry S. Wynkoop, James Burt, John J. Van Schaack.

Families, 15; Individuals, 60—total, 60. Baptisms: infant, 15. Confirmed, 1. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 7. Communicants: received from other Parishes, 1; removed, 4; present number, 32. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 50, Holy Days, 1—total, 51. Sunday School: number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; Church and Parsonage are on same lot; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 32 pews; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, $1,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$576 93	Missionary Fund.....	$10 95
Sunday School purposes.....	21 67		
Endowment of Episcopate...	125 00	Total.....	$759 55
Salary of the Bishop.....	25 00		

The Parish has been without a Rector since July 15, 1867, though constant efforts have been made by the Vestry to secure one. The services of the Church have, however, been regularly maintained by lay-reading on every Sunday morning, and occasionally a clergyman has been procured to officiate. Divine Service has been performed once on 41 Sundays, and twice on 9 Sundays. The removal of the Church edifice to the lot on which the rectory stands, which was commenced in the summer of 1868, has been accomplished.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, STOCKPORT.

The Rev. W. O. JARVIS, Rector.

Wardens—Gideon Lathrop, Thomas James.

Vestrymen—Charles H. Stott, F. H. Stott, James Trent, C. Welch, W. F. Butler, Rensselaer Reynolds, John McGayle, Joseph Wild.

Families, about 100. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 26—total, 31. Confirmed, 12. Holy Communion, (see remarks.) Communicants: admitted, 14; received from other Parishes, 2; removed, 1; died, 2; present number, 87. Burials, 16. Divine Service, (see remarks.) Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, monthly; number of children taught, 80. Sunday Schools, 2; number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 144.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth: Church, $15,000, Chapel, $7,000; condition good; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; condition good; number of sittings in the Church and Chapel, free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,122 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$15 77
Sunday School purposes	150 00	Domestic Committee	15 00
Endowment of Episcopate	10 00	Foreign Committee	10 59
Salary of the Bishop	40 00	Repairs, Church and rectory	326 39
Missionary Fund	67 88		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	5 13	Total	$1,762 76

The Holy Communion is celebrated in public on the first Sunday of every month, and on the chief festivals. In private, there has been one celebration in the last year.

Divine Service is celebrated on Sundays in the morning, at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon, at the Chapel of St. Barnabas, Stottville.

Holy Days are observed by Morning Service in the Church or Chapel, except in the winter, when we are able to meet only for those of greater prominence. During the season of Lent until Passion Week, there was Morning Service on Wednesday and Friday, held alternately at the Church and Chapel, and Evening Service on Wednesday, at Columbiaville. During Passion Week, there was daily Morning Service held alternately, at the Church and Chapel.

In addition to the contributions reported above, mention should be made of a bell which was presented by a gentleman of the Parish for the Chapel at Stottville.

Delaware County.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DELHI.

The Rev. JOSEPH RICHEY, Rector elect.

Wardens—Charles Marvin, W. H. Griswold.

Vestrymen—J. Redfield, O. S. Hatfield, A. C. Edgerton, O. W. Smith, J. W. Woodruff, W. H. Griswold, J. Palmer, G. Moore.

Families, about 75. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 1—total, 2. Confirmed, 4. Communicants: present number, 140. Burials, 1. Sunday School: number of teachers, 12; number of pupils, 60.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $4,300, in fund; number of sittings in the Church, 450; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$150 25	Society for the Increase of the Ministry	$15 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	5 45		
Board of Missions	13 00	Total	$226 60
Domestic Committee	17 75		
Foreign Committee	40 15		

The Rev. E. B. Allen resigned the rectorship of this Parish the 22d of April, 1869. G. D. Silliman was appointed Lay Reader to the same, June 10. Since that time the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated once by the Rev. D. E. Willes, of St. Peter's Parish, Hobart. The Rev. Joseph Richey has accepted the rectorship, and enters on duty October 1st.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FRANKLIN.

The Rev. WM. MEREDITH OGDEN, Rector.

Wardens—H. S. Edwards, Anson S. Miller.

Vestrymen—Charles E. Miller, Benjamin T. Cooke, A. T. Treadwell, S. Wheat, M. Bostwick, J. A. Pierson, Wm. Smith, A. Rathbun.

Families, 62; Individuals, 190. Baptisms: infant, 3. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 5. Communicants: admitted, 6; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 87. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 25; Holy Days, 2; other days, 12—total, 39. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 2; number of children taught, 20. Sunday School: number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 40.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; condition, fair; number of sittings in the Church, 300; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $1,600; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$278 04	Domestic Committee	$3 50
Communion alms	10 11	Sheltering Arms	4 34
Diocesan Fund	12 00		
Salary of the Bishop	20 00	Total	$342 20
Missionary Fund	14 21		

The former rector, the Rev. O. Applegate, left in November last, and the Parish was vacant until the incoming of the present rector, in July. Lay services were kept up, but are not included in this report, as not appearing on Parish record. The Offerings cover Conventional year as far as recorded; so also the report of Baptisms, &c. The congregation has suffered by removal, and the vacancy in the rectorship.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HOBART.

The Rev. D. ELLIS WILLES, Rector.

Wardens—F. W. Foote, C. H. Stewart.

Vestrymen—Samuel Barlow, Wm. H. Sturgis, Peter Kilpatrick, John Griffin, E. Taylor, John Loughrem, S. H. Taylor, George Barlow.

Families, 50; Individuals, about 175. Baptisms: infant, 4. Confirmed, 10. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 6; private, 3—total, 9. Communicants: admitted, 6; present number, 84. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Divine Service: Sundays, 30; Holy Days, 2—total, 62. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 6; number of children taught, 50. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; condition, good; other property (land and cemetery property), $800; number of sittings in the Church, 46 pews, 6 in each; rented, galleries free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$275 00	Salary of the Bishop.....	$15 00
Sunday School purposes....	16 00	Missionary Fund.....	16 24
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.....	5 00	Total.....	$333 81
Diocesan Fund.....	6 57		

I received and accepted a call to this Parish the 1st of March last. I entered upon the discharge of duty about the 20th, which must be my apology for the scanty array of statistics presented. It has been my invariable wont to contribute something to every fund, specifically mentioned, during the year; but not being able to do this, I have selected the most prominent as our beneficiaries for this season, intending that hereafter, when my report shall include a whole Conventional year, each one shall be enriched in some small sum at least. St. Peter's, Hobart, is one of the oldest Parishes in the Diocese. It was organized in 1795, and the present Church erected in 1801. Its first rector was one of the Presiding Bishops of the American Church, Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D.; but like most of the older Parishes of our land, it has suffered fearfully from removals, and to-day has not half the effective strength it had twenty years since. Once the only Church in this section of conntry, it still claims a good share of the piety, the wealth, the intelligence, and the energy of Hobart.

CHRIST CHURCH, WALTON.

The Rev. G. Huntington, Rector.

Wardens—D. H. Gay, C. B. Wade.

Families, 59. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 10—total, 14. Confirmed, 17. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 13; private, 2—total, 15. Communicants: admitted, 12; received from other Parishes, 7; removed, 2; present number, 79. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Divine Service: Sundays, 127; Holy Days, 2; Lent, 12—total, 141. Catechism: children taught and catechized monthly. Sunday School: number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, about 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, about $5,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $1,600; condition, in need of some repairs; other property: one barn; number of sittings in the Church, 275; for most part rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, rentals; arrears of salary, $112.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses (exclusive of rector's salary.....	$644 10	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$5 63
Sunday School contributions,	20 00	Foreign Committee.....	5 85
Diocesan Fund (in Feb'y)..	8 56	Walton Bible Society.....	5 05
Endowment of Episcopate..	7 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	25 00	Total.....	$738 44
Missionary Fund.....	17 25		

The Church has been placed in a good state of repair. Congregations have been quite encouraging here, and at the Stations.

CHRIST CHURCH, DEPOSIT.

Reported by Rev. G. HUNTINGTON.

There have been some baptisms during the year, and one was confirmed. The number of communicants may be stated as about 28.

Essex County.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ESSEX.

The Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, Jr., Missionary.

Wardens—Stephen D. Derby, James Ross.

Vestrymen—John B. Ross, Andrew J. Tucker, Dr. Ferguson, Ezra Parkhill, H. D. Edwards, Robert Fortune, A. H. Whitney, Mr. Ferriss.

Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 9—total, 12. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 8. Communicants: present number, 53. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Divine Service, under the late Rector, the Rev. E. Weil: Sundays, 62, Holy Days, 7, other days, 21—total, 88. Since August 8th, under present Missionary, full services with sermon, on Sundays, 23. Catechism: number of times taught openly in Church, 20. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 15.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition fair; Parsonage and lot, $1,200; condition fair; number sittings in the Church, 350; free; present indebtedness of Parish, about $400; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $7 per week.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$49 18	Bible and C. P. B. Society	$2 01
For the Poor	7 70	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	3 13
Sunday School purposes	5 25	Domestic Committee	5 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c	10 00	Foreign Committee	2 60
Diocesan Fund	6 0	General Theological Semi'y	1 00
Endowment of Episcopate	13 00	Miscellaneous	12 36
Salary of the Bishop	10 00		
Missionary Fund	8 50	Total	$135 13

The above is as full a report as can be made from the Parish Register, the present Missionary having been in charge only since the eighth of August last. Since then three full services have been given on each Sunday, at least one of which has been devoted to the Mission Stations in Willsborough, Bouquet, Whallonsburg, and Wadham's Mills, in rotation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEESEVILLE.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. COOK, Rector and Missionary.

Warden—James Rogers.

Vestrymen—C. P. Pierce, C. P. Allen, Samuel Ames, W. W. Tabor, E. Dundas, C. H. Ellenwood, H. L. Coppins, H. E. Hart, John Smith.

Families, 61; Individuals, about 500. Baptisms: adult, 6; infant, 17—total, 23. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 21; private, 6—total, 27. Communicants: admitted, 11; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, 95. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Divine Service: Sundays, 100, Holy Days, 2, Lent, 18—total, 120. Catechism: number of times taught openly in Church, 12; number of children taught, 50. Sunday School: number of teachers, 8; number of pupils, 64.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition good; Parsonage and lot, (in trust,) $2,500; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 250; seats free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$600 00	Salary of the Bishop.....	$10 00
For the Poor.....	39 88	Missionary Fund.....	29 02
Sunday School purposes....	10 75	Incidental Expenses.....	234 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.....	15 00	Total.....	$938 65

CHURCH OF THE CROSS, TICONDEROGA.

The Rev. F. N. LUSON, Missionary; the Rev. F. H. STUBBS, Assistant Minister.

Families, 17; Individuals, 43. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 4—total, 9. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 1. Communicants: admitted, 6; present number, 21. Divine Service: Sundays, 6, other days, 12—total, 18. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 12.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $400; partly built.

Offerings and Contributions.

For lot and building Church, $240.

The corner stone of the Church was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on September third. The cost of completion will probably not much exceed $3,000. Of this sum it is hoped $1,200 may be raised in the village itself and vicinity, but the remainder, we trust, under God's blessing, to procure elsewhere. Ticonderoga has, for the years past, been almost destitute of the Sacraments and offices of the Church. The present condition of the population is deplorable, and calls for our most earnest sympathy. Under God, we have thus far been well received by the people and have been prospered in our work.

Franklin County.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRUSH'S MILLS.

The Rev. J. RANDALL, Missionary.

Wardens—Henry M. Brush, Christopher Jamieson.

Vestrymen—George Farrington, B. F. Whipple, Frederick Petit, H. C. Brush, David Smith, George Earle, T. M. Winkley, H. G. Goodrich.

Families, 15; Individuals, 80. Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 6—total, 8. Confirmed, 5. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 1—total, 16. Communicants: admitted, 22; removed, 2; present number, 20. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 98; Holy Days, 4; Lent, 12; other days, 14—total, 128. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 50; number of children taught, 30. Sunday School: number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 30.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $2,500; condition, good. Number of sittings in the Church, 175; rented. Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$45 00	Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	$6 60
Sunday School purposes....	5 00	Church building.....	200 00
Endowment of Episcopate..	12 00	Towards an organ.....	12 00
Salary of the Bishop	5 00		
Missionary Fund (Frontier Convocation)	24 00	Total	$309 60

At my first taking charge of the Mission, in July last year, the Church edifice was far from completion, and though the work thenceforward went onward without material interruption, yet it was not until Christmas eve that we were enabled to hold our first service therein. Since getting into the new Church, the congregations have been better and greater interest manifested in the services. There was, until quite recently, a debt of $100 on the building, due H. C. Brush, Esq., but he has most liberally given it to the Parish, so that nothing is now owing. This is exclusive of the $200 just reported as raised on the building by the Parish during the past year, and also exclusive of a donation from Mrs. H. M. Brush (through whose efforts and instrumentality, the Church here mainly owes its existence), of $80, for chancel carpet and Communion set.

I can only report about fifteen families, and some of these reside at a distance of eight or twelve miles, so that they cannot all attend the Church here, or only, at most, occasionally. I have, therefore, been obliged to hold services on Sunday afternoons, alternately at Lawrenceville and North Lawrence, at a distance each of eight miles. But these services have not been as regular as I could wish, from the difficulty, at times, of obtaining a conveyance. Besides, they have to be holden at those places under considerable embarrassment, and are liable at any time to be interrupted, as we are only allowed to officiate in the buildings we now occupy, on sufferance.

Since my arrival here, the prevailing denominations around have shown greater activity, and in the village the Christians, so-called, are erecting a place of worship for themselves, in which the Methodists are to have a share; so that the growth of the Church must necessarily be slower, until old prejudices abate, and the people become better acquainted with its principles.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MALONE.

The Rev. JAMES WILKINS STEWART, Rector.

Families, 90; Individuals, 376—total, 376. Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 14—total, 18. Confirmed, 8. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 2—total, 17. Communicants: admitted, 10; received from other Parishes, 4; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 135. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 86; Holy Days, 7; Lent, 52; other days, 40—total, 185. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 42. Sunday School: number of teachers, 16; number of pupils, 70.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $5,500; condition, good; parsonage and lot, $4,500; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 250; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,103 94	General Theo. Seminary	$14 00
For the Poor	27 10	Nashotah	15 00
Sunday School purposes	82 50	Repairs on Church and parsonage, contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	550 21
Parish Library, &c.	37 70	Silver Communion service	209 15
Diocesan Fund	24 00	To aid Poor Churches	78 00
Endowment of Episcopate	200 00	Frontier Convocation	75 00
Salary of the Bishop	25 00	Mission work in Franklin county, outside of Convocation	96 04
Missionary Fund	30 00	Sunday School offerings	34 82
Bible and C. P. B. Society	10 00	Total	$2,667 91
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	14 00		
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	12 00		
Domestic Committee	15 34		
Foreign Committee	13 50		

The present Rector entered upon the charge of this Parish the 22d of last November. He desires to record his grateful appreciation of the sympathy and zealous co-operation of the Vestry and parishioners, in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Parish itself, and to the work of the Church at large, and especially to the work of Missions within the bounds of the Frontier Convocation.

The ladies have been unremitting in their efforts to aid the Rector and Vestry in forwarding the interests of the Parish, and through their sewing society have contributed the entire sum ($550.82) expended for repairs on Church and parsonage.

The large reduction of numbers in the list of families, individuals and communicants from the last report, arises from a careful revision of the Parish register, and not from any decrease in actual numbers, for the Parish is really stronger, and the attendance upon the services larger, than a year ago.

On the morning of the Bishop's visitation, in May last, a beautiful chair, purchased by the children of the Sunday School, was presented for his use, and placed in the sanctuary. During the summer, a silver Communion service of chaste ecclesiastical design, was purchased with the offerings of the communicants, and devoted to its sacred use.

Fulton County.

GLOVERSVILLE.

The Rev. R. T. HOWARD, Missionary.

At Gloversville the attendance has, for the last year, been remarkably good. Irrespective of the weather, the people have turned out in fair numbers, and seem to take a lively interest in all Church matters. They would like to have more frequent services than I have been able to render. If possible, it would be better could they be connected either with the Johnstown ministry, or have the services of a Missionary between themselves and some nearer locality than Fonda.

The congregation is made up principally of laboring men in very moderate circumstances, who are willing to do all in their power towards helping to pay the salary of the Missionary, but they authorize me to say that $150 is the utmost they can raise per annum among themselves, as yet.

The following is a list of ministerial acts here performed:

Baptisms: infant, 8. Confirmed by Bishop, 4. Celebrations of Holy Communion, 6. Communicants, 15. The Sunday School contains 25 to 30 scholars and 5 teachers.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN.

The Rev. JAMES BYRON MURRAY, Rector.

Wardens—Elijah W. Prindle, Abiram S. Van Voast.

Vestrymen—B. H. Dewey, Samuel Hopgood, I. Yanney, M. M. Yost, J. M. Dudley, J. Ricketts, J. M. Carroll, Wm. Argersinger.

Families, 80. Baptisms: adults, 4; infants, 7—total, 11. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 8—total, 23. Communicants: admitted, 10; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 21; died, 5; present number, 105. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 100; Holy Days, 6; Lent, 18; other days, 8. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 8; number of children taught, 60. Sunday School: number of teachers, 20; number of pupils, 114.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $20,000; condition, fair; other property, $5,000; number of sittings in the Church, 58 pews; rented; present indebtedness of parish, $500; amount of salary pledged to minister, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses	$1,400 00	Missionary Fund	$50 00
For the Poor	24 00	Board of Missions	6 00
Sunday School purposes	40 00	For repairs, &c	385 00
Diocesan Fund	15 00		
Endowment of Episcopate	50 00	Total	$1,920 00
Salary of the Bishop	50 00		

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, NORTHAMPTON.

The Rev. G. C. V. EASTMAN, Rector and Missionary.

Families, 23; Individuals, 7· Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 12—total, 15. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12. Communicants: admitted, 12; received from other Parishes, 3; died, 1; present number, 39. Burials, 4. Divine Service: Sundays, 92; Holy Days, 4; Lent, 6; other days, 1—total, 103. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 2; number of children taught, 15. Sunday School: number of teachers, 3; number of pupils taught, 15. Parish school: the Rector taught 10 weeks; Pupils: boys, 12; girls, 6—total, 18.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $1,200; condition, being repaired; number of sittings in the Church, 100; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800; arrears of salary, no settlement.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$157 40	Salary of the Bishop	$5 00
For the Poor	15 49	Missionary Fund	12 50
Sunday School purposes	4 13		
Diocesan Fund	2 00		$196 52
		Total	$982 59

Greene County.

TRINITY CHURCH, ATHENS.

The Rev. J. E. JOHNSON, Rector.

Wardens—Nathan Clark, William Alcott.

Vestrymen—Casper N. Van Loan, W. H. Van Loan, S. H. Nichols, G. S. Nichols, John Warne, H. O. Nichols, Nathan Clark, Jr., F. W. Tolley.

Individuals, about 225. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 7—total 10. Confirmed, 9. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12; private, 1—total, 13. Communicants: admitted, 9; received from other Parishes, 8; removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 109. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Divine Service: Sundays, morning and evening; Holy Days, nearly all; Lent, 16—total, 134. Sunday School: number of teachers, 12; number of pupils, 104.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $2,000; condition, good; other property, two lots, $500; number of sittings in the Church: 342, first floor, and 125, gallery; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, $392.27; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600; arrears of salary, $232.50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$764 59	Carpet for the Church	$60 00
For the Poor	10 00	Society for the Increase of the Ministry	6 25
Sunday School purposes	14 00		
Endowment of Episcopate	194 00		
Missionary Fund	29 79	Total	$1,093 63
Domestic Committee	15 00		

CALVARY CHURCH, CAIRO.

The Rev. EDWARD PIDSLEY, Rector.

Wardens—Edwin E. Darby, Henry E. Hotchkiss.

Vestrymen—D. Tremaine, J. Van Hoesen, P. Plank, L. Byington, J. Chadderdon, A. Lathrop, H. L. Day.

Families, 24; Individuals, 120. Baptisms: adult, 6; infant, 1—total, 7. Confirmed, 8. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 17. Communicants: admitted, 8; received from other Parishes, 2; removed, 1; present number, 53. Marriages, 3. Burials, 12. Divine Service: Sundays, 91; Holy Days, 4; Lent, 7; other days, 1—total, 103. Sunday School: number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 16.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, needs general repairs; parsonage and lot, $2,000; condition, in good repair; number of sittings in the Church, about 120; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $700; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $350.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$444 03	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$2 00
Sunday School purposes....	2 50	Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	2 00
Diocesan Fund.....	5 50	Total.....	$501 03
Endowment of Episcopate ..	10 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00		
Missionary Fund.....	25 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	5 00		

In addition to the above, I have held several services at different outposts in the Parish.

Of the persons buried, seven were inmates of the county poorhouse.

During the year $120 have been expended in repairs on the rectory.

It will require an outlay of several hundred dollars to put the Church in a decent condition. To meet its wants the Parish has hitherto relied on its own resources; but in the present emergency it must appeal for assistance to Parishes or individuals blessed with more abundant means.

The rector's salary is paid quarterly, *through the offertory*. The "current expenses" are reported only from Easter, the late Treasurer having failed to supply the requisite statistics.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CATSKILL.

The Rev. ROBERT WEEKS, Rector.

Wardens—Charles Trowbridge, Charles B. Pinckney.

Vestrymen—F. James Fitch, Alexander Niltre, D. B. Dunham, Theo. A. Cole, Oliver Bourke, John Breasted, Charles S. Willard, John H. Bagley, Jr.

Families, 108; Individuals, 378—total, 378. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 27—total, 31. Confirmed, 12. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 20;

private, about 12—total, 32. Communicants: admitted, 10; died, 4; present number, 162. Marriages, 6. Burials, 11. Divine Service: Sundays, all; Holy Days, all; Lent, all; other days, twice Wednesdays and Fridays—total, 272. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 24; number of children taught, 90. Sunday School: number of teachers, 19; number of pupils, 100. Parish School, paid; number of teachers, 2; pupils: boys, 20; girls, 25—total, 45.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; conditlon, good; Parsonage and lot, $4,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 360; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200 and parsonage rent free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,604 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$13 20
For the Poor	83 06	Domestic Committee (children)	50 21
Sunday School purposes	123 26	Home Missions to Colored People	12 31
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.	260 00	Gen'l Theological Seminary,	9 52
Diocesan Fund	18 00	By festival, for general purposes	115 00
Endowment of Episcopate	425 00		
Salary of the Bishop	25 00		
Missionary Fund	113 60		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	18 00	Total	$2,870 16

A neat Chapel school house has just been completed, in which has been started a Parish School with two departments and two teachers. This has long been needed, and we trust that it will be the inauguration of further good work.

CHRIST CHURCH, COXSACKIE.

The Rev. ALBERT DANKER, Rector and Missionary.

Wardens—George Reed, N. Clute.

Vestrymen—L. F. Botsford, F. G. Deming, A. B. Houghtaling, M. H. Greene, Smith Marshall, William Richardson, W. K. Reed, Fred. Van Denberg.

Families, 30; Individuals, 65—total, 95. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12; private, 1—total, 13. Communicants: present number, 31. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, afternoons until Rev. Mr. Johnson's resignation, the middle of August—after that, morning and evening—on third Sunday in the month, children's service, also, at 3 P. M.; Holy Days, principal; Lent, weekly. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, monthly; number of children taught, 20. Sunday School: number of teachers, 3; number of pupils, 20.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,600; condition, good; Parsonage lot, $400; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$76 14	Dry Grove Church Mission.	$7 01
For the Poor	3 50	Donation to late Rector....	302 40
Sunday School purposes....	4 00	From Sewing Society for renovating Church edifice.	100 00
Diocesan Missions.....	9 16		
Endowment of Episcopate ..	5 52		
Salary of the Bishop.....	10 00	Total	$525 77
Cushioning pews.....	8 04		

I assumed charge of this Parish September 1, 1869. This report is necessarily meagre, as most of it is compiled from the records of my predecessor, the Rev. J. E. Johnson, who served both Athens and Coxsackie until the middle of August last. Mr. Johnson resided at the former place, and drove over to Coxsackie Sunday afternoon for service. The Church people here have made what bids fair to be a successful effort to support a rector and have services of their own. A class is nearly ready for confirmation. The congregations are good; in the evening the Church is densely crowded. The vestry are taking immediate steps (D. V.) to finish the edifice, in conformity with the original design of Dudley, by adding a chancel, besides painting the walls, hanging a bell, re-carpeting, &c. With these improvements, the building, which is of brick, will accommodate nearly a third more people.

CHRIST CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Wardens—Egbert N. Palmer, Hardy Rundle.

Vestrymen—T. L. Prevost, G L. Rundle, Samuel George, J. F. Burroughs, T. J. Rundle, Elijah Roe, Edwin Ryder, James Pansonby.

Families, 13; Individuals, 43—total, 43. Baptisms: adult, 3. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 5; private, 1—total, 6. Communicants: admitted, 4; removed, 1; present number, 20. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 10; Lent, 1. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 2; number of children taught, 22. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 22.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $1,500; condition, good; other property, $500; inferior; number of sittings in the Church, 250; free; present indebtedness of parish, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$17 20	Board of Missions.....	$5 00
Sunday School purposes....	16 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	10 00	Total	$48 20

A deficiency in the exhibit of this report necessarily occurs, as the late incumbent, before his departure, made no report of those sums of money he had received from collections taken up in this said Christ Church during the latter days of his incumbency.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, OAKHILL.

Wardens—John H. Cherritree, H. I. Peck.

Vestrymen—Elias B. Austin, M. B. Mattice, W. S. Cherritree, M. P. Bleanis, A. Giffard, James Fenton, A. O. Graham, Seymour Frazer.

Families, 52; Individuals, 168. Baptisms: adult, 8; infant, 3—total, 11. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4. Communicants: admitted, 16; removed 6; died, 1; present number, 36. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Divine Service: Sundays, every; Holy Days, all; Lent, during; other days, Thanksgiving. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, every Sunday; number of children taught, 30. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 30. Parish School: free; number of teachers, 1; pupils: boys, 15; girls, 15—total, 30.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition good; Parsonage and lot, $1,500; condition good; number of sittings in the Church, 350; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $250 to $300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$325 00	Missionary Fund.....	$4 00
For the Poor.....	15 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	10 10
Sunday School purposes....	10 00		
Diocesan Fund.....	4 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	2 50	Total	$370 60

Rev. W. J. Boone officiated at his last service, June 29th, 1869, has occasionally visited the Parish since and held service. Vestry has called Rev. J. McKim, of Lewistown, Illinois. Arrangements pending.

GRACE CHURCH, PRATTSVILLE.

The Rev. H. H. PROUT, Missionary.

Wardens—Zadok Pratt, Giles S. Cotton.

Vestrymen—Danforth Frazer, John H. Chatfield, Hiram White, H. B. Montgomery, Baldwin Griffin, C. R. Newcomb, W. H. Jackson.

Baptisms: adult, 2; infant, 1—total, 3. Confirmed, 2. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4. Communicants: admitted, 2; present number, 27. Divine Service: Sundays, 26.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; in repair; other property, bell and organ, about $800; seats free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $160.

Offerings and Contributions.

Diocesan Fund.....	$5 00	S. for Prom. Religion and L.	$2 50
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00		
Missionary Fund.....	3 54	Total	$16 04

TRINITY CHURCH, WINDHAM.

The Rev. H. H. PROUT, Rector.

Wardens—Curtis Prout, Austin Smith.

Vestrymen—Addison Steele, N. C. Snow, Lemuel Tuttle, Lucius Graham, Friend Holcomb, A. Munson, D. Prout.

Baptisms: infant, 7. Confirmed, 5. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12. Communicants: present number, 64. Burials, 5. Divine Service: Sundays, 52. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 20.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,500; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; seats free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Diocesan Fund.....	$5 50	Domestic Committee.....	$5 00
Endowment of Episcopate..	7 00	Foreign Committee.....	5 00
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00	General Theological Semina'y	2 00
Missionary Fund.....	11 90	Donation to Rector.....	140 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society..	4 00	Bishop Tuttle, Montana....	33 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	7 00	Total.....	$218 40

St. Paul's Chapel, Windham, is in the Parish, and belongs to Trinity Church, Windham, and the parochial statistics of the latter include those of the former. Divine Service has been held—partly by means of lay-reading—every Sunday during the past summer. The regular congregation is very small, former attendants having removed from the place. During last winter Service was discontinued. The building needs repainting and the windows need repairing. A subscription has been started for the purpose, but is hardly likely to reach the requisite amount.

The rectory belonging to Trinity Church, Windham, is nearly new, and large and quite convenient. The building of it is an encouraging step onward, helping to made the Parish a pleasant residence for a minister. The rectory, as well as Trinity Church itself, is in the town of Ashland. Ashland, Windham and Prattsville, form the Missionary field of the rector of Trinity Church, Windham—a secluded but beautiful and healthful region of mountain country, nursing a worthy population, among whom it is every way desirable that the Church shall spread more and more widely.

Herkimer County.

CHRIST CHURCH, HERKIMER.

The Rev. HERMON G. WOOD, Rector, and Missionary to Mohawk.

Wardens—Robert Earl, George W. Pine.

Vestrymen—P. F. Bellinger, C. Chatfield, S. Earl, D. J. Curtiss, G. H. Kelsey, C. P. Washburn, B. Palmer, C. W. Palmer.

Families, 60; Individuals, 200. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 8; total, 11. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 18; private, 1—

total, 19. Communicants: admitted, 3; received from other Parishes, 1; removed (transferred to St. Augustine's Church, Ilion), 18; died, 1; present number, 31. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Divine Service: Sundays, 75; Holy Days, 4, Lent, 20; other days, 1; total, 100. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, weekly; number of children taught, 40. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 60. Church School, paid; number of teachers, 3; pupils: boys, 24; girls, 36—total, 60.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $5,000; condition, good; parsonage and lot, estimated worth $2,000; condition, good; other property, $1,000; number of sittings in the Church, $300; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$630 00	Missionary Fund.....	$30 00
For the Poor (Communion alms).....	22 56	Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	2 25
Sunday School purposes....	40 00	Increase and improvement of Church property.....	700 00
Diocesan Fund.....	20 00		
Endowment of Episcopate ..	140 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	10 00	Total.....	$1,614 81

Of the foregoing contributions, the ladies of the Parish Aid Society have given $233.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, LITTLE FALLS.

The Rev. HENRY STANLEY, Rector.

Warden—Martin W. Priest.

Vestrymen—William Beattie, James Feeter, Charles A. Girvan, Abraham Haun, M. D., Albert G. Story, William T. Wheeler, Eben B. Waite.

Families, 113 = 428; Individuals, 15—total, 443. Baptisms: adult, 6; infants, 12—total, 18. Confirmed, 11. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 13. Communicants: admitted, 10; received from other Parishes, 5; removed, 15; died, 2; present number, 97. Marriages, 10. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 100; Holy Days, 22; Lent, 22—total, 144. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 15; number of children taught, 48. Sunday School: number of teachers, 15; number of pupils, 123. Parish School, paid; number of teachers, 1; pupils, girls, 17.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $24,000; condition, good; parsonage and lot, $8,000; other property—organ, $3,000; Parish library, $350; furniture of Rectory, $150; number of sittings in the Church, 430; rented (20 are owned; present indebtedness of Parish, $240; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200; arrears of salary, $100.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,587 28	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$4 81
For the Poor	66 21	Missions in Minnesota	49 75
Sunday School purposes	178 22	Church of Good Shepherd, Fort Wayne, Ind	10 00
Parish institutions, Missions, &c	19 15	For payment of Church debt,	803 25
Diocesan Fund	24 00	Society for Increase of Ministry	17 00
Endowment of Episcopate	10 65		
Salary of the Bishop	38 50		
Missionary Fund	36 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	7 84	Total	$2,852 66

NORTHERN MISSION OF HERKIMER COUNTY—FAIRFIELD, NORWAY, NEWPORT AND MIDDLEVILLE.

The Rev. BENJAMIN WEBB, Missionary.

(Report for seven months.)

Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 13—total, 16. (At Fairfield: adult, 1; infants, 8. At Middleville: infants, 5. At Norway: adults, 2.)

Burials, 3. (At Fairfield, 1; at Norway, 2.)

Confirmed, 6. (At Fairfield, 2; at Norway, 4.)

Communicants: admitted, 6 (at Fairfield, 2; at Norway, 4); died, 2 (at Fairfield, 1; at Norway, 1); present number, 60 (at Fairfield, 20; at Norway, 24; at Newport, 10; at Middleville, 6.)

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, 10; and with the sick, 2—total, 12.

Divine Service, at each station on alternate Sundays. (At Fairfield and Norway, A. M. and P. M.; at Newport and Middleville, P. M.) Services, with sermons, three times each Sunday and once on the chief festivals. A number of additional services have been held. Total, 108.

Sunday Schools: With the help of devoted members of the Church, three Sunday Schools have been organized, and are held each Sunday within the Mission. The statistics of these are as follows:—Fairfield: teachers, 3; scholars, 10. Norway: teachers, 6; scholars, 18. Middleville: teachers, 7; scholars, 44. Total: teachers, 17; scholars, 72.

Contributions:

For the Missionary's support. (From Fairfield, $100; from Norway, $100; from Newport, $15—total, $215.)

From Trinity Church, Fairfield, for the Diocesan Fund, $4.

To the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany, $10.40. (From Fairfield, $3.42; from Norway, $3.95; from Middleville, $3.03.)

To the Missionary Fund of this Diocese, $5.25. (From Fairfield, $1.75; from Norway, $3.50.)

For purposes within the Mission, exclusive of contributions for the support of the Missionary, $23.51. (From Fairfield, $12.31; from Norway, $10.43; from Newport, $0.77.)

Trinity Church, Fairfield, which dates from the first decade of this century, is now being restored and improved by the addition of a recess-chancel and vestry room. In addition to funds previously in hand for this purpose, the sum of $200 has recently been raised by subscription, chiefly in Fairfield. The chancel window

is to be in memory of a former resident and benefactor of the Parish, the gi his widow, now residing in a neighboring Diocese.

It is in contemplation to erect a church at Middleville, in the course of the e ing year.

The four stations of this Mission are from three to five miles apart, and r lines being drawn between them, would enclose a quadrangular space of about teen square miles. Within this space, and without it for a distance of from or two miles, reside the families to which the ministrations of the Church, thr the Missionary, have extended. The Sunday services have involved jour (usually on foot), of six miles for one-half of the time, and of fifteen miles fo remainder.

Services by the present Missionary (chiefly in this Diocese), exclusive of t reported:

Said Prayers (A. M. and P. M.), 38 times; assisted in the same, 20 ti Celebrated the Holy Eucharist, 3 times; assisted in the same, 3 times. Preac 36 times. Addresses, 3. Burial, 1 (reported).

The Missionary desires to record his grateful appreciation of the assistance dered at Norway, during the summer, by the Rev. W. R. Tillinghast, Deaco the Diocese of Michigan.

TRINITY CHURCH, FAIRFIELD.

The Rev. BENJAMIN WEBB, Missionary.

Wardens—Albert B. Watkins, Charles Willard.

Vestrymen—Griffin Sweet, Sidonius Teall, Wm. Mather, J. Mather, F. Hendrix, J. Seaman, M. S. Todd, H. Barnes.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $3,000; condition, middl other property, $1,800; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amou salary pledged to clergyman, $200; arrears of salary, $17.

Montgomery County.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, AMSTERDAM.

The Rev. PORTER THOMAS, Rector and Missionary.

Wardens—Charles Devondorf, James Fox.

Vestrymen—J. M. Ried, C. Chase, B. F. Knight, J. Kenworthy, J. F erts, Mr. Messenger, H. Perss, D. Carmichael.

Families, 55; Individuals, 250. Baptisms: adult, 2; infant, 8—t 10. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, Communicants: admitted, 13; removed, 5; died one; present number, 67. M riages, 2. Burials, 11. Divine Service: Sundays, 52; Holy Days, 3; Lent, other days, 24—total, 94. Catechism: number of times taught openly in Church, 12; number of children taught, 80. Sunday School: number of teacl 14; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 200; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $650.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$96 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$3 00
For the Poor	11 98	Domestic Committee.....	4 10
Sunday School purposes....	97 94	Foreign Committee.....	5 00
Diocesan Fund.....	4 40		
Endowment of Episcopate ..	225 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	4 40	Total	$497 72
Missionary Fund.....	12 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	3 60		

ZION CHURCH, FONDA.

The Rev. R. T. Howard, Missionary.

Wardens—R. H. Cushney, —— Washburne.

Vestrymen—Samuel Cross, E. B. Cushney, H. B. Cushney, G. Van Horne, T. Fonda, —— Brookman, H. Beaver.

Families, 21; Individuals, 42. Baptisms: adult, 11; infant, 10—total, 21. Confirmed, 6. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 13. Communicants: admitted, 14; present number, 14. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Divine Service: Sundays, 52; Lent, 7—total, 59.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000 to $6,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 175 to 200; some rented and some free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

For the Poor	$38 47	Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, &c.....	$2 50
Diocesan Fund.....	8 39		
Salary of the Bishop.....	10 00		
Missionary Fund.....	17 47	Total	$81 83
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	5 00		

Since my last report the new Church at Fonda has been finished and consecrated. The occasion of the consecration was one of deep interest to the congregation, the Bishop and eight clergymen being present and taking part in the services. As I remarked before, to the Hon. R. H. Cushney and lady are we principally indebted for this beautiful little structure.

The congregation in regular connection with the Parish Church is small as yet. There are still much prejudice and opposition from the religious bodies around us, which we hope will be overcome by patience and continued faithful effort. But this state of affairs exists throughout the whole valley of the Mohawk, where the Church

is but little known, and misunderstood. People have been taught to regard us as part and parcel of the Romish Church, and consequently look upon us with more or less suspicion. Several who at first were quite hostile to the Church, have on subsequent attendance on her ministrations expressed themselves as having been deceived, and have become more charitable in their opinions and feelings. It will require time and much labor to get for the Church a good establishment here; but the day must come, sooner or later, by the blessing of God. The rising generation is the source from whence we hope to obtain an increase and strength.

Otsego County.

CHRIST CHURCH, BUTTERNUTS.

The Rev. LEWIS H. LIGHTHIPE, A. M., Rector.

Wardens—C. Ward, Richard E. Hollis.

Vestrymen—J. R. Blackman, Dr. H. H. Wickes, John Mayne, W. R. Kinne, F. Blackman, I. L. G. Ward, E. H. Gadsby, W. R. Smith.

Families and parts of families, 68; Individuals, 208. Baptisms: adult, 2; infant, 6—total, 8. Confirmed, 8. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 2—total, 17. Communicants: admitted, 13; received from other Parishes, 2; removed, 4; present number, 90. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Divine Service: Sundays, 105; Holy Days, 9; Lent, 25; other days, 2—total, 141. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 7; number of children taught, 25. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 34.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,500; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $2,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$610 00	Domestic Committee.....	$6 00
Sunday School purposes....	28 50	Gen'l Theological Seminary.	5 00
Diocesan Fund.....	10 00	For distressed women.....	2 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	50 00	For St. Matthew's, Unadilla,	9 00
Missionary Fund.....	25 00		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	3 50	Total	$752 50
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	3 50		

In addition to the services mentioned above, the rector would report that he has officiated seven times in Maple Grove and in the Morris Memorial and All Saints' Chapel (both in the Parish of Morris); also three times in Grace Church, Mt. Upton, Diocese of Central New York, that Parish having no rector. He has also celebrated the Holy Communion four times, baptized two infants, and buried three persons, in places outside of his own parochial limits.

GRACE CHURCH, CHERRY VALLEY.

The Rev. D. L. SCHWARTZ, Rector.

Wardens—Henry Roseboom, Joseph Phelon.

Vestrymen—Charles McClean, Charles Wilkin, A. B. Cox, Sr., John Roseboom, H. H. Davy, E. L. Swan, George Neal, A. Beekman Cox, Jr.

Families, 81; Individuals, 330. Baptisms: adult, 6; infant, 18—total, 24. Confirmed, 20. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 14. Communicants: admitted, 20; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 107. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Divine Service: Sundays, 50; Holy Days, 31; Lent, 10—total, 91. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 50. Sunday School: number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $2,500; needs repairs; other property, $910; number of sittings in the Church, 300; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $700.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$832 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$10 00
For the Poor	10 00	Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.... .	20 00
Sunday School purposes....	43 00	Domestic Committee.....	42 00
Diocesan Fund.....	25 50	Foreign Committee	5 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	435 00	Gen'l Theological Seminary.	6 20
Salary of the Bishop.....	20 00		
Missionary Fund.....	54 75		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	10 00	Total	$1,513 45

CHRIST CHURCH, COOPERSTOWN.

The Rev. DAVID HILLHOUSE BUEL, Rector.

Wardens—Henry Scott, Hon. Samuel Nelson.

Families, 100; Individuals, 450. Baptisms: adult, 7; infant, 6—total, 13. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 20; private, 6—total, 26. Communicants: present number, 170. Marriages, 3. Burials, 16. Divine Service: Sundays, twice; Holy Days, all; Lent, daily; other days, every Friday. Sunday School: number of teachers, 16; number of pupils, 120.

Parish Institutions.—For Sick: The Thanksgiving Hospital, supported by Churchmen, in union with other Christians. For Poor: A Sewing School; and a Charity House, where homes are given, rent free, to several poor families.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $4,000; condition, good; other property: the Chapel and the Charity House; number of sittings in the Church, 400; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,768 49	Domestic Committee	$120 32
For the Poor	268 21	Foreign Committee	50 00
Sunday School purposes	11 50	Home Missions to Colored People	50 38
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c	116 19	Special Missionary Offerings,	351 89
Diocesan Fund	39 00	Missionary Offerings of Sunday School	129 20
Endowment of Episcopate	47 00	Mission to Jews	12 35
Salary of the Bishop	60 00	Improvements of Church, Chapel, &c	315 00
Missionary Fund	181 85	Box of clothing sent to South, estimated at	200 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	15 00	Total	$3,896 97
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	17 59		
Student at Annandale	75 00		
Contribution to St. Timothy's, Westford	68 00		

ZION CHURCH, MORRIS.

The Rev. N. S. RULISON, Rector.

Wardens—Morris Gilbert, N. B. Pearsall.

Vestrymen—Isaac Mansfield, George Yates, Charles Fairchild, A. G. Moore, George I. Peck, James R. Morris, James E. Cook, Russel Leonard.

Families, 160; Individuals, about 650—total, 650. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 11—total, 16. Confirmed, 10. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 19; private, 6—total, 25. Communicants; admitted, 10; received from other Parishes, 2; removed, 2; died, 2; present number, 272. Marriages, 8. Burials, 6. Divine Service: Sundays, 114; Holy Days; 12; Lent, 18; other days, 2—total, 146. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 30; number of children taught, 160. Sunday School: number of teachers, 30; number of pupils, 200.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $17,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; condition, good; other property, $6,000 (Morris Memorial Chapel, $5,000; bonds, &c., $1,000); number of sittings in the Church, 500; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $500; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,200 00	Domestic Committee	$78 49
For the Poor	88 50	Foreign Committee	26 84
Sunday School purposes	80 00	Home Missions to Colored People	26 77
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c	10 00	Gen'l Theological Seminary	6 31
Diocesan Fund	20 00	For rebuilding Church	7,000 00
Endowment of Episcopate	500 00	For Chapel	500 00
Salary of the Bishop	40 00	Other objects	185 00
Missionary Fund	151 35	Church in Unadilla	130 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	18 28	Total	$10,078 54
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	17 00		

During the past year the Morris Memorial Chapel has been completed and consecrated. Its cost was $5,000. It was built by the lineal descendants of Gen. Jacob Morris, one of the first Churchmen in Otsego county. The Parish Church has also been enlarged and beautified at an expense of $7,000. The life of the Church is fresh and vigorous.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, OTEGO.

The Rev. J. V. HUGHES, Rector and Missionary.

Wardens—Daniel Pope, George W. Cook.

Vestrymen—William Birdsall, Albert Hyde, I. S. Bardsley, E. B. Youmans, E. M. West, S. R. Follett, E. S. Sanders, George Blake.

Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 3—total, 8. Confirmed, 3. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 8. Communicants: admitted, 7; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 43. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 54; Holy Days, 2—total, 56. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 6; number of children taught, 12. Sunday School: number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, 12.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$130 00	Bible and C. P. B. Society of New York.....	$6 00
Sunday School purposes....	6 00		
Diocesan Fund.....	5 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	10 00	Total	$177 00
Missionary Fund.....	20 00		

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PORTLANDVILLE.

The Rev. A. H. STUBBS, Rector.

Wardens—George Somers, Hobart Somers.

Vestrymen—Robert M. Townsend, Samuel Denison, Joseph Lowe, Wm. G. Gould, John Peck, James Cronkite, Charles Mead, Hiram C. Kline.

Families, 20; Individuals, 36. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 2—total, 5. Confirmed, 10. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 10. Communicants: admitted, 9; received from other Parishes, 2; present number, 22. Marriages, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, clerical, 31, lay, 64; Holy Days, 9; Lent, 13; other days, 3—total, clerical, 57, lay, 64. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 5; number of children taught, 10. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 10.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,275; condition, good; other property: vestments, plate, service books, library, etc., $150; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $480; amount of missionary salary pledged to clergyman, $100; arrears of salary, $75.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$30 00	Home Missions to Colored People	$1 50
Diocesan Fund.....	3 00	Corporation seal	7 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	15 00	Interest of Church debt	33 60
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00	Towards Church debt.....	27 00
Missionary Fund, subscribed,	100 00	Insurance	12 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	1 44		
Domestic Committee.....	1 50	Total	$237 04

An important and growing mission, but of necessity partially worked. The present great need of the Parish is relief from its indebtedness. D. V., another year may see the Church a consecrated building, and its members, released from other obligations, doing more for its support.

SCHENEVUS MISSION, SCHENEVUS.

The Rev. A. H. STUBBS, Missionary,

Families, 7; Individuals, 15. Baptisms: infant, 1. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 3. Communicants: admitted, 1; received from other Parishes, 5; present number, 6. Divine Service: Sundays, 20; other days, 1—total, 21. Sunday School: number of teachers, 1; number of pupils, 5.

Offerings and Contributions.

Missionary Fund, $50; not collected.

Services have been conducted in the Baptist meeting house. They meet with much indifference and prejudice. It is indeed the day of small things for this Mission; but the ground has been broken, and may with God's blessing yield an hundred fold. Two are awaiting baptism, and there are four candidates for confirmation. An attempt is being made to secure the gift of a suitable lot for a Church building. As soon as the necessities of St. John's Church, Portlandville, and St. Timothy's, Westford, are met, Schenevus claims all the effort of its missionary and the liberality of Churchmen in the Diocese of Albany. The place is growing, and will be in time a leading village in the county. Great results are not to be expected from an entirely new field; they are the work of time and patience.

CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BURLINGTON.

The Rev. JOEL DAVIS, Missionary.

Wardens—Truman Moss, J. B. Taylor.

Families, 45; Individuals, about 100. Baptisms: adult, 8; infant, 3—total, 11. Confirmed, 19. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4. Communicants: admitted, 19; present number, 54. Marriages 1. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 42. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 29; number of children taught, 30. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 30.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,100; condition, new and beautiful; Parsonage and lot, $600; number of sittings in the Church, 224; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800; arrears of salary, $441.67.

Offerings and Contributions.

Sunday School purposes....	$7 20	Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00
Diocesan Fund.....	54 76		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	3 45	Total.....	$70 41

In addition to my preaching every Sunday at West Burlington, I hold services also at St. Mark's, Garrattsville, once in two weeks; also at St. John's, Exeter, once in two weeks. Congregations and interest good at each place.

St. Mark's, Garrattsville, is in a very thriving condition; prospects are decidedly more favorable than they have been for many years. The contributions are meagre, but promise better in future.

The Church in West Burlington is now in a prosperous condition, having recently completed their new Church, and by the Divine blessing freed it from debt and all incumbrance. It was solemnly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Albany, on Thursday, Sept. 9, A. D. 1869, which service was intensely interesting to the very large and appreciative congregation which assembled from adjacent Parishes to participate in it. The day will long be remembered by the inhabitants of West Burlington, and especially by the little flock of Christ Church, as one of the brightest and most glorious days in the history of the past. And, last Sunday's, being the first Sunday service held in it, all seemed to feel truly that God was in His Holy Temple, and that it was good to be there.

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, WESTFORD.

The Rev. A. H. STUBBS, Rector.

Wardens—Andrew Snyder, David Kelso.

Vestrymen—Daniel Nash Allen, Theodore Allen Snyder, Whiting O. Allen, Nathan Bidlake.

Families, 5; Individuals, 40. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant 1—total, 2. Confirmed, 3. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4; private, 1—total, 5. Communicants: admitted, 3; received from other Parishes, 1; died, 2; present number, 31. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, clerical, 30, lay, 14; other days, 1—total, 31 clerical, 14 lay.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $4,000; condition, improved; other property, organ, vestments, &c., $250; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of missionary salary pledged to clergyman, $100.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses	$10 00	Repairs.....	$417 38
For the Poor	3 00		
Salary of the Bishop	5 00	Total.....	$535 38
Missionary Fund.....	100 00		

The members of St. Timothy's have confined their attention during the past year, towards raising money for repairs. The building has been in a dilapidated condition for years, and the Parish, through very culpable neglect, was well nigh ruined. $200 is still needed to put the building in first-rate condition, and if cared for, the Parish, judging from present appearances, will develope a life and growth unknown during its whole history. Three of its communicants have the ministry in view, and are pursuing their studies to that end, while a fourth has already begun to run his course as a hard working and faithful Missionary. May this ancient flock never be left again without a shepherd.

WORCESTER MISSION, WORCESTER.

The Rev. A. H. STUBBS, Missionary.

Communicants: received from other Parishes, 5; removed, 5; present number, none. Divine Service: Sundays, 5; other days, 1—total, 6.

Services can only be held in Worcester when a place for worship is secured. The five communicants who were with me on the start, have left, but a project is now on foot to secure regular services, which bids fair to be successful. There are some communicants who have wandered from the fold, and are now Baptists or Presbyterians. They must be brought back. This can only be done by continuing these occasional services, together with the annual Episcopal visitation.

Services have also been held at Laurens, but with no regular appointment.

Rensselaer County.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, GREENBUSH.

The Rev. LEWIS P. CLOVER, D. D., Rector.

Wardens—Wm. P. Irwin, Francis B. Parmele, M. D.

Vestrymen—John Ruyter, Nicholas Hotaling, Thomas Hatcher, Henry Fitch, Henry Brock, Stephen Miles, Thomas Fuller, Wm. R. Slocum.

Families, 40; Individuals, 150. Baptisms: infant, 11. Confirmed, 14. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 11; private, 4—total, 15. Communicants: admitted, 17; received from other Parishes, 5; removed, 1; present number, 48. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Divine Service: Sundays, 100; Holy Days, 3; Lent, 12—total, 115. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 18; number of children taught, 75. Sunday School: number of teachers, 16; number of pupils, 75.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $6,000; condition, good; parsonage and lot, $3,000; number of sittings in the Church, 250; rented and free; present indebtedness of Parish, $3,000; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $850.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,200 00
For the Poor	47 75
Missionary Fund	25 00
Total	$1,272 75

To encourage the Parish in building a parsonage, the Rector proposes to pay from his salary, as rent, interest on the amount due upon the building. The parsonage will soon be finished. As the salary is small, the advantage of this arrangement will be to reduce the Rector's rent from $300 per annum to half that amount, and eventually secure to the Parish a comfortable rectory.

ST. MARKS CHURCH, HOOSAC FALLS.

The Rev. GEO. H. NICHOLLS, Rector.

Wardens—Salmon Moses, J. Russell Parsons.

Vestrymen—Walter A. Wood, J. Hobart Warren, John G. Harroch, Isaac Allen, D. C. Hanners, S. A. Skinner, Asa Geer.

Families, 57. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 2—total, 3. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 16; private, 1—total, 17. Communicants: admitted, 4; received from other Parishes, 9; removed, 9; died, 1; present number, 55. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $12,000; condition, thoroughly good; sittings, free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,970 33	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$7 11
For the Poor	50 35	Domestic Committee	10 00
Sunday School purposes	75 00	Nashotah	12 00
Diocesan Fund	20 00		
Endowment of Episcopate	300 00		
Missionary Fund	63 52	Total	$2,508 31

During April last, as the result of long standing ailments, I was prostrated by sickness, since which I have performed no official duties, save assisting occasionally in the prayers of the Church. My vestry having kindly granted me leave of absence for six months, the ministrations of the Parish, from the 1st to the 18th Sunday after Trinity inclusive, have been supplied by the Rev. James H. Tyng. Through God's blessing being greatly restored, I purpose resuming my parochial duties on the first Sunday in October.

TRINITY CHURCH, LANSINGBURGH.

The Rev. BYRON J. HALL, Rector.

Wardens—John Holme, Dr. F. B. Leonard.

Vestrymen—Dr. S. P. Welsh, H. W. Day, P. B. King, Geo. A. Sully, N. B. Sylvester, Jas. McQuiely, W. R. Boston.

Families, 160; Individuals, about 350. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 30—total, 35. Confirmed, 12. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3—total, 18. Communicants: admitted, 9; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 4; died, 3; present number, 165. Marriages, 8. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 96; Holy Days, 4; Lent, 23—total, 123. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 8; number of children taught, 143. Sunday School: number of pupils, about 150 before the middle of the year, since 125.

Parish Property—Chapel and lot, estimated worth $5,000; condition, new chapel; parsonage and lot, $9,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the chapel, 220; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200. I have received about $200 more than my salary.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$2,150 00	Salary of the Bishop.....	$40 00
For the Poor	225 00	Missionary Fund.....	21 00
Diocesan Fund.....	18 00		
Endowment of Episcopate..	450 00	Total.....	$2,904 90

On the morning of the 23d of December, 1868, Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, was burned to the ground. It was built in or about the year of our Lord 1804. More than two generations have worshiped and received the Holy Sacraments within its sacred walls. Since the burning of the old Church, the Parish have erected a chapel on the north end of the Church lot, at the expense of about $4,000. Rt. Rev. Wm. C. Doane, S. T. D., consecrated the chapel, on the 10th of August, 1869; also laid the corner-stone of a new stone church, which will cost about $40,000, when finished as contemplated. The Church will be inclosed this autumn. God helping us, we hope to worship Him in the new Trinity Church next autumn. My good people have worked well and faithfully, and God has blessed them in their labors. The Rector has great reason to be encouraged in his work, and hopes and prays that the Great Head of the Church will continue to bless him and his good people, and enable them to finish the great and good work they have begun.

TRINITY CHURCH, SCHAGHTICOKE.

The Rev. W. B. WALKER, Missionary.

Wardens—Joseph F. Knickerbacker, Thos. L. Doremus.

Vestrymen—Tibbits Briggs, Oliver A. Arnold, J. E. Butts, Dr. J. R. Hynds, John Buckley, John Searles, Frank J. Lawrence, Ed. B. Arnold.

The present minister in charge began his first service in this Parish on Sunday, May 30, since which time services have been held regularly every alternate Sunday afternoon. The neighboring clergy have most cheerfully and kindly given their assistance in maintaining this good work. The services are largely attended, and much interest is manifested in them. The offerings are appropriated to defray contingent expenses. No Sunday School has yet been organized. We are now worshipping in the Methodist house of worship; but, with the active co-operation of the present vestry, and with the blessing of our dear Lord, we trust that another year will find us possessed of a neat chapel of our own. There is every sign of encouragement, in regard to the work in this Parish.

CHRIST CHURCH, TROY.

The Rev. JOSEPH N. MULFORD, Rector.

Wardens—George B. Smith, Charles W. Mosely.

Vestrymen—Jacob Jacobs, Samuel Kendrick, William Kemp, Gorton P. Cozzens, Charles H. Stannard, Edward P. Searle, Charles Clemenshaw, Rufus Lape.

Families, 123. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 16—total, 19. Confirmed, 8. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 17; private, 2—total, 19. Communicants: admitted, 8; received from other Parishes, 18; removed, 7; died, 2; present number, 141. Marriages, 8. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 52; Holy Days, 2; Lent, 16; other days, 1—total, 71. Sunday School: number of teachers, 19; number of pupils, 170.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $50,000; condition, good. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good. Number of sittings in Church, 600; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$3,000 00	Evangelical Knowledge Society	50 00
For the Poor	115 23	Church of St. Sacrament, Bolton, N. Y.	50 00
Sunday School purposes	215 32	Abingd'n and Ware Parishes, Virginia	30 00
Diocesan Fund	32 00	American Church Mission Society	17 00
Salary of the Bishop	100 00	St. Mark's Church, Mystic, Connecticut	10 00
Missionary Fund	50 00	Other objects	40 48
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	10 00		
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	25 00		
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy	25 00		
Domestic Committee	25 00	Total	$3,795 03

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TROY.

The Rev. T. W. COIT, D. D., LL.D., Rector.

The Rev. E. N. POTTER, D. D., Associate Rector.

Wardens—Jonas C. Heartt, Joseph M. Warren.

Vestrymen—Uri Gilbert, J. R. Catlin, J. W. Fuller, James Forsyth, H. B. Dauchy, Willard Gay, J. J. Tillinghast, J. I. Thompson.

Baptisms: adult, 2; infant, 26—total, 28. Confirmed: 7; not our regular season. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15. Communicants: admitted, 14; removed, 12; died, 8; present number, 376. Marriages, 22. Burials, 16. Divine Service: Sundays, 104; Holy Days and Lent, 48; other days, 36—total, 188. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, monthly. Sunday School: number of teachers, 35; number of pupils, 281.

Parish Institutions.—Our contributions to the Church Home of Troy amount, for a year, to about $800. This is the statement of the treasurer. He cannot be exact as he goes by the Civil and not the Conventional year.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $25,000; condition, good. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, good. Other property, $3,000; chapel now building. Number of sittings in the Church, 1,200; rented, gallery free; amount of salary pledged to clergymen, $6,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$10,000 00	Clerical Education	255 00
For the Poor	629 14	Church in Greece	90 50
Sunday School purposes	3,400 00	An aged clergyman	60 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.	300 00	Domestic Committee	150 00
Diocesan Fund	37 50	Foreign Committee	159 00
Endowment of Episcopate	2,135 00	General Theological Seminary	125 00
Salary of the Bishop	300 00	Church purposes	1,000 00
Missionary Fund, for half a year	125 00	Total	$19,516 14

The value of Church property is estimated at assessed value. The sum total for offerings and contributions includes the sum of eight hundred dollars, devoted to the Church Home.

The Parish (through the Vestry) have called, as my assistant and successor in office, the Rev. Eliphalet Nott Potter, D. D., late of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He has honored and venerated names to bear, in behalf of his father, the late Bishop of Pennsylvania, and his grand father, the late President of Union College, at Schenectady. He bids fair to do them no discredit.

The Parish are now erecting a beautiful building, in the rear of the Church edifice, to be used for the Sunday School, Parish School, Ladies' Sewing Society, &c. It will cost not less than thirty thousand dollars. We hope to occupy it at Christmas or soon after.

A gentleman of the Parish, in the spirit of a truly christian and noble liberality, is erecting, at his own expense, on Ida Hill, an edifice to be called the Church of the Ascension. The sittings in this Church are to be free. It is hoped that it will be completed, consecrated and admitted into union with the Convention, when another year shall have passed by.

The offerings, &c. of the Parish make no small sum; but that sum would have been very considerably increased could I have ascertained the amount of charities bestowed, which did not pass through my hands. The Convention is entitled to know these, in, at least, a gross sum. But I could not reach them.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TROY.

(Including St. John's Free Mission, Ida Hill.)

The Rev. GEORGE HERBERT WALSH, Rector.

Wardens—Francis N. Mann, Norman B. Squires.

Vestrymen—George Babcock, T. M. Tibbits, T. A. Tillinghast, W. A. Shephard, W. A. Thompson, C. E. Dudley Tibbits, B. A. Hall, J. B. Wilkinson.

Families, 165. Baptisms: adult, 2; infant, 33—total, 35. Corfirmed, 16. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12; private, 1—total, 13. Communicants: admitted, 13; received from other Parishes, 4; removed, 8; died, 1; present number, 314. Marriages, 17. Burials, 14. Divine Service: Sundays, 85; Lent, 26; other days, 38—total, 149. Sunday School: number of teachers, about 17; number of pupils, about 200. Church Mission: number of teachers, about 13; number of pupils, about 100.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $60,000; condition, good. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $12,000; condition, good. Other property, $5,000; number of sittings in the Church, 650; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $2,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$4,500 00	Dr. Gallaudet, for Deaf and Dumb	35 07
Current Expenses of St. John's Mission	500 00	For Theological Student....	115 00
For the Poor	287 69	For St. Luke's, South Troy,	300 00
Sunday School purposes....	129 72	St. John's Mission and Sunday School offerings	180 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	1,180 00	Other offerings for Mission..	113 00
For Diocese of Albany.....	50 60	St. John's S. S. for Mission,	419 85
Salary of the Bishop.....	200 00	St. John's S. S. Mission Society	46 64
Missionary Fund.....	65 91	Easter offerings.....	145 90
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	31 92	For Communion Service....	700 00
Mission House, Philadelphia,	100 00	For Sundries.....	29 20
Domestic Missions.....	275 00		
Foreign Missions.....	75 00		
St. John's Mission, Ida Hill,	200 00	Total	$8,775 59
Evangelical Education Soc'y,	150 00		

Through the efforts of the ladies of the Parish $700 were raised, with which a solid silver Communion Service was purchased, which was used for the first time on Easter Day.

During the summer the Church was decorated and newly carpeted at a cost of $5,000, and it may now be justly regarded, in all its appointments, as one of the finest edifices in the State.

St. John's Mission, Ida Hill, established February 14, 1868, is still in a most prosperous condition. Weekly services have been held through the greater part of the year, and the large attendance has given evidence of the deep interest they have awakened. The Sunday School has increased in numbers, and, through the efficiency of its devoted superintendent and a faithful corps of teachers, will compare very favorably with schools that have been longer established. One adult and eighteen children have been baptised and five persons confirmed, while another class is awaiting the apostolic rite.

Through the large hearted benevolence of a gentleman residing in the neighborhood of the Mission, a beautiful stone Church is now being erected, which is to be donated, as soon as completed, for the use of St. John's Mission, and when occupied is to be known as the Free Church of the Ascension. The corner stone will be laid (God willing) in a few days.

Mr. Howard T. Widdemer, a candidate for orders, has, by license of the Bishop, rendered efficient service as lay reader and visitor at the Mission during the summer.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, TROY.

The Rev. E. SOLLIDAY WIDDEMER, Rector.

Families, 63. Baptisms: adult, 9; infant, 33—total, 42. Confirmed, 20. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12. Communicants: present number, 108. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, twice. Sunday School: number of teachers, 23; number of pupils, 125.

Parish Property.—Number of sittings in the Church, 480; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Diocesan Fund	$20 90
Salary of the Bishop	10 00
Total	$39 00

Saratoga County.

GRACE CHURCH, WATERFORD.

The Rev. GEORGE W. FERGUSON, Rector.

Wardens—James Holroyd, John Higgins.

Vestrymen—Joseph B. Enos, Tunis Waldron, Samuel Northrup, Stephen Titcomb, John Titcomb, John Fulton, Robert Tunnard, Tho. Breslin.

Families, 107; Individuals, 328. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 18—total, 19. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 17; private, 6—total, 23. Communicants: admitted, 6; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 9; present number, 107. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Divine Service: Sundays, 100; Holy Days, 12; Lent, 30; other days, 8—total, 150. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 90. Sunday School: number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 90.

Parish Institutions.—A Ladies' Society for the aid of the Church in paying the debt.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $14,000; condition, very good; Parsonage and lot, $3,000; condition, fair; other property (in leases), $3,000; number of sittings in the Church, 300; rented, six free pews; present indebtedness of Parish, $4,100; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000 and rectory.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,500 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$ 7 00
For the Poor	52 00	Gen'l Theological Seminary	6 50
Sunday School purposes	70 00	Paid on debt by ladies	175 00
Diocesan Fund	20 00	Cloths for Church	36 00
Endowment of Episcopate, bond for	500 00	Memorial window, J. B. Enos,	325 00
Salary of the Bishop	50 00		
Missionary Fund	15 00	Total	$2,673 40
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	17 90		

CHRIST CHURCH, BALLSTON SPA.

The Rev. JOSEPH CAREY, Rector.

Wardens—James W. Horton, Wheeler K. Booth.

Vestrymen—Stephen B. Medbery, Seth Whalen, Nathaniel Mann, B. F. Baker, John H. Westcott, Wm. Smith, E. H. Chapman, John Richards.

Families, 107; Individuals, about 400. Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 20—total, 25. Confirmed, 17. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 18; private, 4—total, 22. Communicants: admitted, 18; received from other Parishes, 12; removed, 11; died, 3; present number, 185. Marriages, 7. Burials, 14. Divine Service: Sundays, twice; Holy Days, once; Lent, 36; other days, 85—total, 254. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 16; number of children taught, 145. Sunday School: number of teachers, 20; number of pupils, 122. Parish School: partly paid, partly free; number of teachers, 2; pupils: boys, 54; girls, 43—total, 97.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $5,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 275; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, $400; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200, with use of parsonage.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$213 10	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$12 89
For the Poor	78 86	St. Stephen's College	22 00
Sunday School purposes....	139 86	Domestic Committee.....	35 08
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c.....	58 69	Foreign Committee.....	13 00
Diocesan Fund.....	18 00	Sunday School offerings....	100 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	500 00	For Parsonage at Middleburgh	17 00
Salary of the Bishop.....	30 00	For general purposes	14 42
Missionary Fund.....	66 50		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	15 53	Total	$1,334 93

The present rector took charge of the Parish one year ago. In addition to the regular Sunday services in the Church, besides superintending the Sunday School personally, he has held a third service every Lord's day in some one of the outlying portions of the Parish. These missions promise much fruit, especially among the farming population.

The Sunday School on what is known as the "Island," within the village limits, is carefully superintended by James W. Horton, Esq., senior warden, and numbers 25 children. That at West Milton, numbering 30 scholars, is under the direction of Miss Hannah Richards. These schools are not included in the above report.

During the past year the Church organ has been repaired and rendered as good as new. The interior of the parsonage has also been greatly improved, and one of the parlors handsomely furnished by the ladies of the Parish.

Over two hundred neat volumes have been added to the Sunday School library.

At present the great needs felt in the Parish are the enlargement of the Church edifice, and the erection of a Parish school house or Chapel. To assist in meeting these wants, members of the Parish have organized themselves, under the rector, into a Church Aid Society.

CALVARY CHURCH, BURNT HILLS.

The Rev. FRANCIS C. WAINWRIGHT, temporarily officiating.

Wardens—Daniel K. Smith, William Wheeler.

Vestrymen—Gad Smith, Calvin S. Wheeler, Lewis H. Sears, William H. Wheeler, Ebenezer R. Jones, John Wheeler, James P. Smith, James E. Davis.

Families, 22; Individuals, about 100. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 6—total, 7. Confirmed, 9. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12. Communicants: admitted, 8; died, 1; present number, 45. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 104; Holy Days, 3.

Parish Property.—Number of sittings in the Church, about 250; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$600 00	Missionary Fund.....	$5 50
For the Poor	20 00		
Bible and C. P. B Society of Albany and vicinity.....	4 00	Total	$629 50

The above report is made by Daniel K. Smith, Warden.

It is proper to state that the contributions from October to Easter were taken and distributed by Rev. J. H. Betts, and that the Church has no record of them.

The Church property consists of Church and lot, burial grounds, and parsonage and parsonage lot, which were almost entirely free gifts to the Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHARLTON.

The Rev. ELIAS WEIL, Rector and Missionary.

Wardens—Matthew Valentine, Frederic Curtis.

Vestrymen—Ammi Dows, Joseph Valentine, Lorenzo Taylor, John Hays, Marvin E. Myers, Wm. Birdsall, Wm. Taylor, Orin Smith.

Families, 42; Individuals, 120. Baptisms: infant, 1. Confirmed, 3. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 6. Communicants: admitted, 1; removed, 6; died, 1; present number, 41. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 24; Holy Days, 1; other days, 1—total, 26. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 4; number of children taught, 20. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 30.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, fair; other property (Trinity Fund), $800; number of sittings in the Church, about 200; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $650.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$3 50	*For a font for Salt Lake City Mission	$130 00
For the Poor	7 29	*Two packages for Salt Lake City Mission, valued	30 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c	10 00	*For a lecturer, and towards the building fund of St. Barnabas Mission, Brooklyn	60 00
Diocesan Fund	8 54	*For clothing and Church literature for colored schools at Newbern and elsewhere in the South	25 34
Endowment of Episcopate	500 00	Total	$871 46
Missionary Fund	15 13		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	6 16		
*For the Jews	5 00		
*Nashotah	10 00		
*Mississippi	1 00		
*Oneida Indians	5 00		
*Faribault	40 00		
*For the Church in Middleburgh, Schoharie county	14 50		

The present incumbent began his duties about the 1st of June, from which date this report begins. There must have been, previous to this, several canonical offertories, but of them no definite information could be gained.

Our efforts during the summer to procure a parsonage have not been quite successful. The absence of one is much to be regretted, as it leaves the rector and his family without a suitable home.

Services have also been held at Glenville during the summer, generally on Sunday afternoon, and once with the Holy Communion in the morning. We have reason to be encouraged and grateful for the measure of success attending that Mission.

* From a Communicant.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MECHANICVILLE.

The Rev. WM. BOGERT WALKER, Pastor.

Wardens—Wm. A. Tyler, Wm. Tibbitts, M. D.

Vestrymen—Wm. C. Tallmadge, John Cassidey, Joseph Knickerbacker, William Adams, E. A. Buckhout, N. W. Ballou, M. D., Philip Kirwood, Samuel Vaughn.

Families, 31; Individuals, 85. Baptisms: infant, 6. Confirmed, 2. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4. Communicants: admitted, 5; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 1; present number, 41. Marriages, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 40; Holy Days, 8; other days, 4—total, 52. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 6. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 36.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $4,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 160; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$201 92	Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	$4 00
Sunday School purposes....	10 40	Domestic Committee.....	6 00
Diocesan Fund.....	6 00	Foreign Committee.....	3 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	17 60	Home Missions to Colored People	1 56
Salary of the Bishop.....	4 00	Gen'l Theological Seminary.	3 19
Missionary Fund....	16 65		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	4 64	Total	$280 96
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	2 00		

The current expenses cover the entire year. For the Rector's support from October to January, and April to October, $350.

The present incumbent assumed charge of this Parish, in connection with St. John's, Stillwater, April 11, 1869. There has been a marked increase in the regular attendance at Church and Sunday School, and a renewed interest exhibited in both.

The Pastor has held one service at Clifton Park, which was well attended. An earnest desire was expressed for the continuance of service at that place. There are several Church families in that vicinity.

BETHESDA CHURCH, SARATOGA SPRINGS.

The Rev. J. B. GIBSON, Rector. (To September 1, 1869.)

Wardens—Rockwell Putnam, Hiram W. Burhans.

Vestrymen—Wm. Bennett, Wm. M. Searing, P. P. Wiggins, A. B. Olmstead, J. M. Marvin, J. L. Perry, Jr., J. C. Hulbert.

Families, 160; Individuals, about 600. Baptisms: adult, 8; infant, 39—total, 47. Confirmed, 17. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 44; private, 11—total, 55. Communicants: admitted, 17; received from other Parishes,

6; removed, 24; died, 10; present number, 255. Marriages, 6. Burials, 15. Divine Service: Sundays, about 130; Holy Days, 20; Lent, 47; other days, 88 —total, 285. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, monthly; number of children taught, about 170. Sunday School: number of teachers, 21; number of pupils, 170.

Parish Institutions—For orphans, aged, sick and poor; number of inmates during the year, 12.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $30,000; condition, fair; parsonage and lot, $8,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, about 600; mostly rented; present indebtedness of parish, about $6,000; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$2,900 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$10 11
For the Poor	285 08	Board of Missions (by the children).....	75 00
Sunday School purposes....	50 00	Domestic Committee.....	39 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, &c. (subscribed but not all paid in, up to Sept. 1), over	1,700 00	Foreign Committee.....	25 00
Diocesan Fund.....	22 50	General Theolog. Seminary..	12 89
Endowment of Episcopate..	1,501 00	Church Book Society.....	17 67
Salary of the Bishop	25 00	Society for the Increase of the Ministry.....	22 10
Missionary Fund.....	134 58		
Bible and C. P. B. of Albany and vicinity.....	10 50	Total	$6,830 43

The within report, so far as statistics from the Parish register are concerned, and the account of offerings for the Poor, Parish Institutions, Diocesan, Missionary "Endowment," Bible and Prayer Book Society, Aged and Infirm Clergy, Board of Missions, General Theological Seminary, and Church Book Society funds, has been made up by me, to the close of my rectorship, Sept. 1. The remaining parts of the report will be given by the Senior Warden of the Parish, J. B. Gibson.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, SCHUYLERVILLE.

The Rev. JOHN H. BABCOCK, Missionary.

Warden—Charles H. Payn, only remaining member of the last Vestry elected, which was in April, 1850.

Families, 18; Individuals, 8—total, 85. Baptisms: Adult, 5; infant, 4—total, 9. Confirmed, 9. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 9. Communicants: admitted, 9; received from other Parishes, 1; present number, 18. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 56; Holy Days, 7; other days, 6—total, 69. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 16; number of children taught, 25. Sunday School: number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 25. Parish school: paid; number of teachers, 2; pupils: boys, 12; girls, 8—total, 20.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $15,000; condition, new and in the best order; other property, school house, $2,200; number of sittings in the Church, 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$476 00	Domestic Committee.....	$10 00
For the Poor	7 30	Foreign Committee.....	3 00
Sunday School purposes....	21 18	General Theol. Seminary...	13 00
Parish Library.....	5 08	For the Jews	1 76
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00		
Missionary Fund.....	10 40	Total	$545 26
N. Y. Bible and C. P. B. Soc.	5 54		

The services here reported are only those that have been held since Easter, 1869. The Church and school house have been built by a layman, without any expense to the congregation. The full report of this work must be deferred until next year.

Service has also been held five times at Galesville, four miles east of Schuylerville, and visits have been made to many families in the adjacent country.

The Parish school was opened on September 20, 1869, with twenty pupils.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, STILLWATER.

The Rev. WM. BOGERT WALKER, Rector.

Wardens—Theodore Baker, Lewis Lyon.

Vestrymen—Joseph Moll, Charles Johnson, Geo. D. Gardiner, John W. Buffington, John Whitman.

Families, 7; Individuals, 30. Baptisms: infant, 1. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 1. Communicants: admitted, 2; received from other Parishes, 1; removed, 1; present number, 13. Divine Service: Sundays, 20; Holy Days, 4; other days, 1; total, 25. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 5; number of children taught, 9. Sunday School: number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, 9.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $2,200; condition, needs considerable repairing; parsonage and lot, $2,000; condition, old, but in tolerably good condition; number of sittings in the Church, 320; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450; received from the endowment of the Parish towards the general expenses, $160.20; towards Rector's salary, from April to October, $192.50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$6 25	Domestic Committee.....	$1 00
For the Poor	1 00	Foreign Committee.....	1 25
Sunday School purposes....	55	Home Missions to Colored People	94
Endowment of Episcopate..	11 35	General Theol. Seminary ...	1 31
Salary of the Bishop	2 00	Church Book Society	1 25
Missionary Fund.....	6 93		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	83	Total.....	$36 66
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	2 00		

This report covers only the term during which the present Rector has been in charge, viz: from April 11, 1869. From Jan. 1 to that time, the Parish was without a Rector, and no services were held. Services are held in the afternoon on every Sunday and on all Holy Days. The fact that the Parish is endowed for the full amount of the Rector's salary, will account for the meagre offerings towards current expenses, &c. The services are well attended. and a marked improvement in reverence and decorum is manifest. In addition to services as above, the Rector has officiated wholly or in part at sixteen services elsewhere.

Schenectady County.

CHRIST CHURCH, DUANESBURGH.

The Rev. R. LOWELL, D. D., Rector. (To Easter, 1869.)

Since the 1st October, 1868, I have held seventy services here (at the Church and at a Mission station, visited weekly during about half the year,) and twice elsewhere.

I have administered the Holy Communion eighteen times in Church (weekly during Lent, twice in the month, always, and on some Holy Days); once in private.

I have baptised three infants.

I have attended two burials.

There are, this day, sixty-seven communicants. The Parish is, in every way, growing, thank God. May He mercifully give it greater and better growth.

CHRIST CHURCH, SCHENECTADY.

The Rev. FRANCIS C. WAINWRIGHT, Rector.

Wardens—J. D. Featherstonaugh, Samuel T. Benedict.

Vestrymen—Peter Rowe, Gershom Banker, Livingston Ellwood, B. O'Connel, Walter Hunt, Richard T. Butler, Frederic Duane.

Families, 20; Individuals, about 60. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 36—total, 37. Confirmed, 9. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 44. Communicants: admitted, 8; received from other Parishes, 34; removed, 9; present number, 34. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7. Divine Service: Sundays, 142; Holy Days, 36; Lent, 2; other days, 155—total, 333. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 15; number of children taught, 60. Sunday School: number of teachers, 15; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good. Number of sittings in the Church, about 200; free.

Offerings and Contributions.

For Church Building and Current Expenses	$4,696 31
Bible and C. P. E. Society of Albany and vicinity...	4 00
Total	$4,700 31

The above report includes all parochial statistics since the organization of the Parish, as a report was made to the Convention of the Diocese of New York, in 1868, but was not received. The Parish has had a corporate existence of nearly two years. The Church was opened and services first held on March 1, 1867, the first Sunday in Lent. The Church is free, and supported by pledged subscriptions collected by the envelope system.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, SCHENECTADY.

The Rev. WILLIAM PAYNE, D. D., Rector.

Wardens—A. A. Van Vorst, Wm. N. Duane.

Vestrymen—D. C. Smith, G. Q. Carley, James R. Craig, Samuel W. Jackson, John I. Fuller, G. M. Maxon, J. H. Crane Wm. Van Horne.

Families, 180; Individuals, 9—total, 189. Baptisms: adults, 6; infants, 39—total, 45. Confirmed, 5. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 21; private, 5—total, 26. Communicants: admitted, 7; received from other Parishes, 5; removed, 8; died, 7; present number, 240. Marriages, 11. Burials, 23. Divine Service: all Sundays and all Holy Days; four times a week in Lent; other days, every Friday. Sunday School: number of teachers, 21; number of pupils, 180.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $18,000; condition, good. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition good. Number of sittings in the Church, 150, with gallery; mostly rented; some free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,365 00	For Schoharie (not reported to Rector), but believed to be about	60 00
For the Poor	241 00	For Lincoln, Illinois	50 00
Sunday School purposes	252 00	Total	$5,224 73
Diocesan Fund	22 50		
Endowment of Episcopate	2,008 00		
Missionary Fund	161 23		
Domestic Committee	55 00		
Foreign Committee	10 00		

Schoharie County.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, MIDDLEBURGH.

The Rev. E. SLADE, Rector.

Wardens—G. Cherritree, J. Starr.

Vestrymen—W. H. Engle, Luther Borst, H. Snyder, C. Bouck, C. Earles, E. D. Atchinson, W. Dunn.

Families, 8; Individuals, 13. Baptisms: infant, 5. Confirmed: males, 4; females, 2—total, 6. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 21. Communicants: admitted, 3; removed, 1; present number, 13. Marriages, 8. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 85; Holy Days, 14; Lent, 5; other days, 10—total, 114. Sunday School: number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, 9.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, tolerable. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth when Parsonage is finished, &c., $5,500; unfinished. Number of sittings in the Church, 90; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $400; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $217; arrears of salary, $112.50, and $12 for 1867.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$29 01	General Theological Seminary,	$0 76
Sunday School purposes.....	8 00	Four offertories given towards Missionary's support, exclusive of what is pledged on subscription list.....	18 75
Endowment of Episcopate	10 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	4 11		
Missionary Fund.....	9 14		
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	2 30	Total.....	$82 67
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	60		

This Mission, like that of St. Andrew's, Schoharie, has been long neglected, and has to be built up under peculiar local difficulties.

I am desirous of looking up the out-places, but cannot find funds to pay the hire of a horse or to keep one.

The Parsonage, which is now building, and the lot on which it stands have been secured since I took charge of this Mission, and, when completed, will be worth about $5,500; but the financial account of the payment of this sum, as the arrangements are not yet finally concluded, will properly come in the report to the Diocesan Convention of 1870. The Missionary returns his grateful thanks to all who have been interested in his work. He is anxious to hold his ground, but he has a wife and family to provide for, and neither he nor they can live on "angels' food."

TRINITY CHURCH, SHARON SPRINGS.

The Rev. JOHN IRVING FORBES, Missionary.

Stephen C. Williams, N. Y., *President;* George Plitt, Philadelphia, *Secretary;* John H. Gardner, Sharon Springs, *Treasurer;* Rev. R. S. Howland, D. D., N. Y., George C. Satterlee, N. Y., Henry T. Livingston, N. Y., Isaac H. Reed, N. Y., *Members of Board of Trustees.*

[Organized under act of April 13, 1854.]

Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 1—total, 4. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 6; private, 1—total, 7. Communicants: admitted, 8; present number, 38. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 108; Holy Days, 14; Lent, 11; other days, 45—total, 178. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 15; number of children taught, about 100. Sunday School: number of teachers and officers, 15; number of pupils, 123.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, very good; Parsonage and lot, $5,000; condition, good; other property: Sunday School Building Fund, $2,000; lot, valued at $400; number of sittings in the Church, 175; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $750.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,202 27	Salary of the Bishop	$35 00
For the Poor	63 19	Missionary Fund	25 00
Sunday School purposes	195 43		
Diocesan Fund	11 25	Total	$2,668 65
Endowment of Episcopate	136 51		

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SCHOHARIE.

The Rev. E. SLADE, Missionary.

Families, 2; Individuals, 6. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 1. Communicants: admitted, 1; received from other Parishes, 1; present number, 4. Marriages, 1. Divine Service: 1.

Parish Property.—Lot, estimated worth, about $800; has a decayed corner stone on it, and has for years been rented as a garden.

Offerings and Contributions.

Contribution for myself	$12 00
Missionary Fund	1 22
Total	$13 22

From peculiar local circumstances, this Mission of St. Andrew's, Schoharie, which was founded about ten years ago, has become nearly defunct. About that period the corner stone of a Church was laid, but abandoned, and owing to so long a vacancy in the Mission, the stone, through decay, is now useless.

The Bishop and the Missionary in charge, as also the few Church people, are very anxious that a Church should be erected, and it is important for the Church's future, and for the safety of the lot, that it should be built, or some substitute for it, as soon as possible. We cannot at present get any place for services.

St. Lawrence County.

GRACE CHURCH, CANTON.

The Rev. JOHN F. POTTER, Rector.

Wardens—Richard F. Harison, Sheldon P. Brewer.

Vestrymen—Leslie W. Russell, Wm. H. H. Sawyer, Wm. A. Rich, Lyman Ellsworth, Richard B. Ellsworth, Watson J. Ferry, John Miller, Samuel Kerr.

Families, 58; Individuals, 184. Baptisms: adult, 7; infant, 33—total, 40. Confirmed, 15. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 27; private, 5—total, 32. Communicants: admitted, 15; removed, 6; died, 4; present number, 93. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Divine Service: Sundays, 78; Holy Days, 23;

Lent, 28; other days, 38—total, 167. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 31; number of children taught, 83. Sunday School: number teachers, 9; number of pupils, 83.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,500; condition, good; Parsonage and lot, $1,500; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 225; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, about $1,000; amount of salary pledge to clergyman, $700.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,249 97	Foreign Committee	$1 00
For the Poor	20 41	Home Missions to Colored People	1 0[illegible]
Sunday School purposes	30 89	Gen'l Theological Seminary	8 4[illegible]
Diocesan Fund	24 50	Church Book Society	1 0[illegible]
Endowment of Episcopate	16 34	Nashotah	8 0[illegible]
Salary of the Bishop	10 00	Hawaiian Mission	11 9[illegible]
Missionary Fund	35 15	St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y. city	1 5[illegible]
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	7 51	University of the South	12 1[illegible]
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	6 98		
Educational Fund	16 34	Total	$1,465 1[illegible]
Domestic Committee	2 00		

TRINITY CHURCH, GOUVERNEUR.

The Rev. EDWARD DOLLOWAY, Rector.

Wardens—Aaron B. Cutting, John S. Honeycomb.

Vestrymen—Wm. H. Bowne, H. H. Hoover, N. Aldrich, Wallace Honeycomb, George B. Winslow, James D. Easton, J. B. Preston, G. E. Burt.

Families, 50; Individuals, 150. Baptisms: infant, 11. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 12. Communicants: admitted, 7; removed, 3; present number, 40. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 100; Lent, 15. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 25. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 35. Parish School: paid and free; number of teachers, 1; number of pupils, about 30.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,500; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 225; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $850.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,000 00	Package of clothing to missionaries in Minnesota	$25 00
Sunday School purposes	10 00	Communion set, purchased by Sunday School	20 39
Diocesan Fund	15 00	Communion offerings	36 65
Salary of the Bishop	10 00		
Missionary Fund	20 00		
Convocation Fund	15 00		
Paid debt on Church building,	3,000 00	Total	$4,152 04

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LISBON.

The Rev. THOMAS M. THORPE, Rector and Missionary.

Families, 15; Individuals, 45. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 3—total, 4. Holy Communion: number of celebrations, 3. Communicants: present number, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 8; other days, 1—total, 9. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 1; number of catechists, 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,700; condition, quite good; other property, about $900, including about $800 for repairs, from fair last year in New York; number of sittings in the Church, about 200; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, about $200; arrears of salary, $25.

Offerings and Contributions.

Diocesan Fund	$4 25
Missionary Fund	5 40
Miscellaneous	75 00
Total	$84 65

The people here have been much neglected, but God has made them zealous and willing to learn.

GREAT SHEPHERD CHURCH, MASSENA.

The Rev. JOHN FRANK WINKLEY, Rector.

Wardens—Henry Theodore Clark, Harvey Hard Chittenden.

Vestrymen—Harry Franklin Crooks, Joseph Emmerson Clary, Joseph Harrison, George Allcook Snaitt, William Nightingale Gibson, John Oliver Bridges.

Families, 20; Individuals, 10—total, 97. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 9—total, 10. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 5. Communicants: admitted, 24; received from other Parishes, 3; present number, 29, of whom 3 in Louisville have not been to receive the sacrament for years. Divine Service: Sundays, 26; Lent, 3; other days, 1—total, 30. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 4; number of children taught, 6. Sunday School: number of teachers. 1; number of pupils, 6. Bible Class: adult, Sunday afternoons, 21 times.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Salary of the Bishop	$5 00	Board of Missions	$5 00
Missionary Fund	7 50	Domestic Committee	5 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	2 50	Total	$25 00

Services commenced in June, 1868, and two persons came to the first communion. Services and sermons two Sundays in each month, all day. Congregations good all through the winter. The Parish list embraces Louisville. The Church is well planted, and will (D. V.) begin at once to get together a fund for the purchase of a building lot and the erection of an edifice. The total of baptisms for the fifteen months is 5 adults and 12 infants—total, 17.

GRACE CHURCH, NORFOLK, AND POTSDAM JUNCTION MISSION.

The Rev. JOHN FRANK WINKLEY, Missionary.

Wardens—Sylvester Ford, Henry Atwater Wetmore.

Vestrymen—Arba Robinson, Nathaniel Gorr, George Henry Stovel, John Lowry, Cassius Hutchings Robinson, Abram M. Thompson, Edwin Hiram Atwater, Heman Franklin Allen.

Families: Norfolk, 13—total 47; Potsdam Junction, 12; Individuals, 4—total, 45. Total, 92.

Baptisms: Norfolk—adult, 1; infants, 3—total, 4.

Confirmations: Potsdam Junction, 3.

Holy Communion celebrated: Norfolk, 6 times; Potsdam Junction, 5 times—total, 11.

Communicants: Norfolk—admitted, 3; Potsdam Junction—admitted, 9; received from other Parishes, 1—total, 13; present number: Norfolk, 19; Potsdam Junction, 19—total, 38. Not communicated for years: Norfolk, 8.

Divine Service: Norfolk, one-fourth the Sundays and most of the Holy Days; Potsdam Junction, one-fourth the Sundays and some Holy Days.

Catechism: Norfolk—taught openly in Church, 4; Bible class, private, 8; public, 6. Potsdam Junction—Bible class publicly taught in school, 8.

Sunday School: None sustained in Norfolk. The children go to Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools, and are reported in both. No teachers or superintendent. At the Junction, have not been able to get a Sunday school in operation, which can be done now.

Church lot and building, Norfolk. Located on a ledge over which waters run under the foundation, which cannot be drained, say the committee, on account of the ledge, and hence the frozen waters annually upheave the edifice, which is rent from top to bottom, and is in a dilapidated condition. The location is, on this account bad. Inside, the church edifice is a pretty little temple.

Church lot at Potsdam Junction: This we expected to get free, but misfortunes have cramped the resources of the kind-hearted owner, who is willing to deed, on condition of receiving interest on the market value at this time, such interest to be paid for a term of years, and then to cease.

Amount pledged the clergyman in Norfolk, by members of the Church, subscribed in order to secure the services of a missionary, in June 1868, $36, of which $9 remain unpaid. One cause of this may be poverty, but another is that the Church services have never been continued every Sunday since the incorporation, and the people take part in and work with other religious bodies.

Lay reading commenced here as far back as 1817, and continued with some interruptions to 1825, during which time L. S. Ives, afterwards the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ives, found his home in the Church.

The Parish organized in 1825, and in four years had three different clergymen. Then it lay dead thirteen years. In 1842 it revived, and in 1847, on Friday, July 30, the corner-stone of the edifice was laid by the late Rt. Rev. Wm. H. Delancey. Twenty-four years have passed since that time. Worthy and holy men have labored here. Beardsley, Adams, Atwater, Childs, Hanson and Burrows, have in turn tilled this soil, and for fifteen months your unworthy Missionary has been here and done what he could.

Yet the above meagre report is the present fruit of 53 years more or less. Would this have been the state of the case to-day, had there been services and preaching and Sunday School every Sunday? I humbly opine not. There may be, and no doubt are, other causes, but none, I believe, that would not yield to well directed, faithful effort. If I may be permitted to suggest, it appears to be "false economy" to give the Missionary more miles to travel over than he can well attend to, and hold weekly services, if not a weekly Eucharist.

Amount pledged at Potsdam Junction, was $65, and I cannot now state how much more remains due, but do not doubt all will be paid. And here, I owe it to parties outside the Church and warm hearts within the fold, who, for reasons not now and here specified, did not give their names to the subscription list, but have come to the aid of the Missionary as they were able, and one especially liberally, so that the formal part, or contract, or pledge, dwindles to insignificance, in view of that generous support which sprang spontaneously from piety and sympathy and godly love. I find the number of persons baptised between 1825 and 1868—43 years—is 87, and that during the same time 60 were confirmed. The entire list of communicants, for the time, is 59, of whom 6 only remained in communion with the Church at Norfolk, in June, 1868.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, OGDENSBURGH.

The Rev. HEWLETT R. PETERS, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms, 35. Marriages, 40. Communicants, about 150.

Contributions to various funds and charities, $800.

TRINITY CHURCH, POTSDAM.

The Rev. JOHN STEINFORT KIDNEY, Rector.

Wardens—T. S. Clarkson, Sr., E. W. Foster.

Vestrymen—N. S. Elderkin, B. Usher, H. N. Redway, A. T. Hopkins, Charles Cox, T. S. Clarkson, 2d, C. O. Tappan, W. P. Brown.

Families, 65; Individuals, 200. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 12—total, 15. Confirmed, 11. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 16. Communicants: admitted, 10; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 5; died, 1; present number, 90. Marriages, 1. Burials, 9. Divine Service: Sundays, 104;

Holy Days, 16; Lent, 20; other days, 25—total, 165. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 12; number of children taught, 50. Sunday School: number of teachers, 10; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $12,000; condition, fair; parsonage and lot, $3,500; condition, fair; number of sittings in the Church, 300; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$1,400 00	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$25 00
For the Poor	66 57	Domestic Committee	41 00
Sunday School purposes	16 00		
Diocesan Fund	30 00	Total	$2,088 57
Endowment of Episcopate	400 00		
Missionary Fund	110 00		

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WADDINGTON.

The Rev. T. M. THORPE, Minister.

Families, 45; Individuals, 60—total, 225. Baptisms: adult, 7; infant, 11—total, 18. Confirmed, 15. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 10; private, 5—total, 15. Communicants: admitted, 14; received from other Parishes, 6; removed, 23; died, 7; present number, 50. Marriages, 8. Burials, 5. Divine Service: Sundays, 80; Holy Days, 6; Lent, 12; other days, 1—total, 99. Sunday School: number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 42; Parish School: Prayer Book Class, every Friday night for informal religious instruction, 50. A most valuable Parish adjunct.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, very roughly estimated worth, $9,500; condition, quite good. Other property: proceeds of sale of old Rectory invested for new one, $1,100; collected since, $105; Communion Service, &c., $150; number of sittings in the Church, about 300; partly rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Diocesan Fund	$3 85	Salary Rev W. Windeyer	250 00
Salary of the Bishop	30 00	Rev. T. G. Clemson	50 00
Missionary Fund	20 20	Rev. T. M. Thorpe	35 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society	3 00	Rectory Fund	104 55
Collections for Parish purposes since Oct. 1, 1868, exclusive of salary	302 16	Organ per W. Windeyer	800 50
Not hitherto reported	99 53	Total	$1,783 29
S. S. and miscellaneous	75 00		

For the procurement of the organ we are much indebted to the zeal and self sacrifice of Messrs. Richard Harison and James Skinner.

Warren County.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, GLEN'S FALLS.

The Rev. EDWIN E. BUTLER, Rector.

Wardens—J. W. Finch, A. M. Adsit, Jr.

Vestrymen—L. G. McDonald, J. E. Cadwell, William Wait, S. D. Hopkins, D. C. Steiner, J. D. Stevens, J. Smith, I. J. Davis.

Families, 85. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 7—total, 10. Confirmed, 10. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 16; private, 6—total, 22. Communicants: admitted, 10; removed, 6; died, 3; present number, 77. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Divine Service: Sundays, 45; Holy Days, 16; Lent, 25—total, 86. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $25,000; condition good. Other property, Church at Harrisena, $15,000; number of sittings in the Church, 300; rented; at Harrisena, 150; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$845 00	Missionary Fund.....	6 11
For the Poor	60 11	Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity.....	8 00
Sunday School purposes ...	20 35	Nashotah from S. School ...	5 00
Diocesan Fund.....	12 00		
Endowment of Episcopate..	205 33		
Salary of the Bishop.....	25 00	Total	$1,434 72

On the 9th of July, St. Paul's Church, at Harrisena, eight miles from Glen's Falls, was consecrated, and one person confirmed.

Since June 1st an afternoon service has been held in that Church every Sunday by the Rector of this Parish.

On the 1st of July, 1869, this Parish became self supporting, and resigned the Missionary Stipend. An organ will soon be erected in the Church at a cost of $1,600.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LUZERNE.

The Rev. JOSEPH RICHEY, Missionary.

Wardens—H. E. Pierrepont, B. C. Butler.

Families, 9; Individuals, 30—total, 30. Baptisms: adult, 3. Confirmed, 6. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 3. Communicants: present number, 12. Divine Service: Sundays, 40. Sunday School: number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 13.

Parish Property.—Church lot, estimated worth, $250; condition, unimproved. Other property, $1,000; number of sittings in the Church, 100; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$201 66	Missionary Fund.....	25 0[illegible]
For the Poor	92	Board of Missions	8 4[illegible]
Sunday School purposes....	20 00	Domestic Committee.....	4 5[illegible]
Diocesan Fund.....	1 50	Miscellaneous	150 3[illegible]
Endowment of Episcopate ..	55 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	5 00	Total	$472 3[illegible]

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTERSVILLE.

Wardens—George S. Morey, Andrew Van Benthuysen.

Vestrymen—Samuel W. Griswold, S. W. Codman, O. Scott, W. McCoomby, J. Mills, I. Mills, E. Rawlins, L. Lock.

Families, estimated at 150; Individuals, estimated at 600. Baptisms: infant, 1. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 1. Communicants: present number, 19. Divine Service: other days, 1.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $1,000; condition, not good. Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $500; condition, bad. Other property, $50; number of sittings in the Church. 200; free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Salary of the Bishop, $5.00.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, WARRENSBURGH.

Wardens—Benjamin P. Burhans, Stephen Griffin.

Vestrymen—H. Griffing, F. O. Burhans, Charles Braley, G. A. Schneider, Robert Stewart, Moses Sutton, E. S. Crandal, H. B. Hayes.

Families, 26; Individuals, 70. Baptisms: adult, 3; infant, 16—total, 19. Confirmed, 7. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 11. Communicants: admitted, 2; received from other Parishes, 1; removed, 1; present number, 30. Burials, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 76; Holy Days, 9; Lent, 18; other days, 7—total, 110. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 6. Sunday School: number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 43.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good; other property: Holy Communion vessels, $250; number of sittings in the Church, 130; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$630 74	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$6 80
Sunday School purposes....	42 20		
Endowment of Episcopate ..	30 00		
Salary of the Bishop.....	25 00	Total	$745 74
Missionary Fund.....	11 00		

The Rev. Benjamin Webb officiated in the Parish from the Second Sunday in Advent, December 6, 1868, until the Fifth Day of Lent, February 15, 1869, when the Rev. William H. Capers assumed the rectorship.

The Rev. William H. Capers tendered his resignation August 30, 1869, owing to the illness of his father and his own indisposition.

An indebtedness of Parish expenses amounting to $507.73 has been liquidated through the kindness of Messrs. B. P. Burhans & Son.

Washington County.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Missionary.

Families, 26; Individuals, 112. Baptisms: adult, 4; infant, 6—total, 10. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 13. Communicants: admitted, 4; received from other Parishes, 2; died, 1; present number, 25. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 91; Holy Days, 3; Lent, 40; other days, 1—total, 135. Sunday School: number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 26.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, very good; number of sittings in the Church, 230; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$575 50	Salary of the Bishop.....	$5 00
For the Poor	25 00	Missionary Fund.....	12 30
Sunday School purposes....	15 00	Melodeon	75 00
Diocesan Fund.....	6 00		
Endowment of Episcopate ..	3 00	Total	$716 80

The Rev. Charles A. Wenman served this Parish as rector until the Bishop's visitation, on Tuesday after the Third Sunday after Easter. Upon his resignation at that time, the Rev. Henry M. Davis took charge of this Church, in connection with that of St. Paul's, Salem. He has preached in St. Luke's, Cambridge, every Sunday afternoon for the last twenty-two weeks. In that Church he has administered the Holy Communion five times, baptized three children, and buried one adult. He has admitted four new communicants, and received two removed from another Parish. For the last eleven Sundays, Morning Prayer, with a sermon, has been read by a member of the Parish, who is now a candidate for orders. The attendance at these morning services has been remarkably full, as has been that at the afternoon services. The Sunday School has also increased in numbers and interest. The Church lot has been fenced in, the grounds around have been graded, graveled walks have been made, and evergreen trees set out.

The ladies have been active and successful in raising money to meet the expenses of the Church, and to pay the interest on the debt. It is generally conceded that with a judicious and active clergyman residing in their midst, this Parish would rapidly grow, and become in a short time self-supporting. May the Lord of the harvest soon send such a laborer into this portion of His vineyard.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, FORT EDWARD.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK, Rector.

Wardens—Silas B. Bradley, Walter Rogers.

Vestrymen—H. Willard, H. L. Davis, W. R. Valentine, R. Ruggles, J. B. Palser, E. C. Young, C. Albro, P. C. Hitchcock.

Families, 64. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 7—total, 8. Confirmed, 4. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 14; private, 2—total, 16. Communicants: admitted, 6; received from other Parishes, 3; removed, 17; died, 1; present number, 118. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2. Divine Service: Sundays, 59; Holy Days, 5; Lent, 14; other days, 9—total, 87. Sunday School: number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 113.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 300; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$300 00	Domestic Committee.....	$10 00
Alms at the Holy Communion	44 84	Foreign Committee.....	7 21
Sunday School purposes....	45 36	Gen'l Theological Seminary.	4 68
Diocesan Fund.....	15 16	Tract Society.....	3 00
Endowment of Episcopate ..	190 00	Society for the Increase of the Ministry.....	1 63
Salary of the Bishop.....	30 00	Sunday School offerings for Indian Missions.....	21 51
Missionary Fund.....	23 67	Ladies' Sewing Society.....	101 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	2 31	Total.....	$812 40
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	7 32		
Society for Promoting of Religion and Learning.....	9 71		

TRINITY CHURCH, GRANVILLE.

The Rev. JAMES A. UPJOHN, Rector and Missionary.

Vestrymen—J. Warren, P. D. Evarts, J. W. Thompson, D. Rodgers, R. C. Betts, G. W. Henry, G. Tobey, H. Hollister.

Families, 20; Individuals, 72. Baptisms: infant, 1. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 4. Communicants: present number, 10. Marriages, 1. Divine Service: Sundays, 31; Holy Days, 3; other days, 21—total. 55. Catechism: number of times taught openly in the Church, 5; number of children taught, 10. Sunday School: number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 25.

Parish Property.—Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, ceiling out of repair; number of sittings in the Church, 170; free; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$155 48	Missionary Fund.....	$8 15
For the Poor	5 51		
Sunday School purposes....	3 05	Total	$172 19

The Church had been without a minister for six years previous to June last.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SALEM.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, Rector.

Families, 43; Individuals, 201. Baptisms: adult, 1; infant, 15—total, 16. Confirmed, 8. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 13; private, 1—total, 14. Communicants: admitted, 7; received from other Parishes, 9; removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 42. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Divine Service: Sundays, 81; Holy Days, 4; Lent, 20; other days, 11—total, 116. Catechism: number of children taught, 86. Sunday School: number of teachers, 10; number of pupils, 86.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $6,000; condition, very good; number of sittings in the Church, 230; rented; present indebtedness of Parish, $300; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses.....	$879 12	Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$4 71
For the Poor	59 88	Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.....	3 00
Sunday School purposes ...	193 39	Domestic Committee.....	70 00
Diocesan Fund.....	19 25		
Endowment of Episcopate..	51 15		
Salary of the Bishop	15 00		
Missionary Fund.....	28 00	Total.....	$1,338 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	15 00		

At the Easter annual meeting, consent was given to the Rector to extend his services to the Parish at Cambridge. On the removal of the Rev. Mr. Wenman, he took charge of St. Luke's, Cambridge, and in addition to the above reported services in St. Paul's, Salem, he has given regularly one service a Sunday to Cambridge, since April 23, and with occasional visits on week days. He superintended his Sunday School in Salem, and for a time the Sunday School in Cambridge, until relieved of the latter duty by a young candidate for orders. The Sunday School in St. Paul's continues in a flourishing condition, with a larger average attendance than ever heretofore, notwithstanding many losses by the removal, the last year, of eight families from my Parish, taking with them some of my most punctual scholars.

ZION CHURCH, SANDY HILL.

The Rev. S. B. BOSTWICK, Rector.

Wardens—John H. Beach, Charles H. Beach.

Vestrymen—A. F. Hitchcock, A. B. Davis, E. H. Crocker, Geo. Weston, D. J. Finch, B. G. Knapp, J. W. Wait, Chas. H. Cronkhite.

Families, 47. Baptisms: adult, 12; infant, 8—total, 20. Confirmed, 13. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 11; private, 1—total, 12. Communicants: admitted, 11; received from other Parishes, 1; removed, 16; died, 1; present number, 96. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5, Divine Service: Sundays, 60; Holy Days, 7; Lent, 20; other days, 18—total, 105. Sunday School: number of teachers, 13; number of pupils, 84.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $10,000; condition, good; number of sittings in the Church, 294; free; present indebtedness of Parish, $300; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$83 73	Domestic Committee	$9 50
For the Poor	20 00	Foreign Committee	6 37
Sunday School purposes	51 87	Tract Society	3 60
Alms at Holy Communion	32 04	General Theolog. Seminary	6 00
Diocesan Fund	20 19	Society for Increase of Ministry	7 60
Endowment of Episcopate	145 00	For Nashotah	10 00
Salary of the Bishop	30 00	St. Mary's Retreat, Florida	13 00
Missionary Fund	23 00	Repairing the Church	322 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	6 62	Ladies' Sewing Society	200 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	7 00	Total	$903 02
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	5 50		

TRINITY CHURCH, WHITEHALL.

The Rev. F. N. LUSON, Rector. The Rev. FRANCIS H. STUBBS, Assistant Minister.

Wardens—O. Bascom, E. W. Gordon.

Vestrymen—U. Coffin, G. Clarendon, H. Gibson, F. Bascom, J. Adams, A. Ames, C. Hewitt, G. Hall.

Families, 75. Baptisms: adult, 30; infant, 24—total, 54. Confirmed, 47. Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 14; private, 1—total, 15. Communicants: admitted, 47; received from other Parishes, 4; present number, 107. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Divine Service: 73 days, 146 services. Catechism: number of children taught, 75. Sunday School: number of teachers, 10; number of pupils, 75.

Parish Property—Church and lot, estimated worth $20,000; condition, excellent; number of sittings in the Church, 64; rented; amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current Expenses	$2,000 00	Foreign Committee	$7 00
For the Poor	20 00	For student studying for ministry	100 00
Sunday School purposes	67 00	Total	$2,544 00
Endowment of Episcopate	240 00		
Salary of the Bishop	10 00		
Missionary Fund	100 00		

This Parish is in excellent condition, has largely increased during the present year, and bids fair to be one of the strong places of the Diocese.

APPENDIX II.—Summary of Parochial Reports.

Churches.	Families.	Individuals.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sun. School. Teachers.	Sun. School. Pupils.	Parish School. Teachers.	Parish School. Pupils.	Offerings. Parochial.	Offerings. Diocesan.	Offerings. General.	Offerings. Miscellaneous.
Albany County.															
Albany, St. Peter's	253	....	37	41	400	9	20	35	200	..	..	$19,322 72	$10,242 94	$833 39	$872 68
Grace	115	357	57	13	150	12	18	20	135	..	..	1,686 87	130 00	20 00	.....
Holy Innocents'	125	200	34	16	100	10	33	30	175	..	..	2,700 00	1,527 39	195 27	.....
St. Paul's	300	....	..	..	325	..	..	62	532	..	..	6,300 00	4,195 00	288 46	325 00
Trinity	90	450	25	14	101	15	21	14	100	..	..	588 79	105 58	.....	.....
Cohoes, St. John's	220	1,100	44	15	219	12	29	30	260	..	..	3,167 08	911 00	10 00	2 83
Rensselaerville, Trinity	30	75	11	25	70	3	..	9	55	..	..	289 39	278 43	48 68	20 21
Green Island, St. Mark's	64	258	20	13	50	2	8	15	130	3	44	833 89	40 00	.....	.....
South Westerlo, Emmanuel	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Troy, Trinity	112	14	31	16	146	8	20	18	150	4	100	319 89	308 50	70 00	228 25
Total	1,309	2,454	259	153	1,561	71	149	233	1,737	7	144	$35,208 63	$17,738 84	1,465 80	1,448 97
Clinton County.															
Centreville, St. Paul's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Champlain, St. John's	22	106	7	6	49	2	2	6	37	..	..	807 00	40 48	.....	.....
Ellenburgh, St. Peter's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plattsburgh, Trinity	125	600	1	..	175	2	2	....	170	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rouse's Point, Christ	65	350	48	44	150	7	4	7	77	..	..	1,262 00	187 58	.....	680 98
Total 88 Churches reporting	212	1,056	56	50	374	11	8	13	284	....	....	$2,069 00	$228 06	.....	$680 98

Summary of Parochial Reports—Continued.

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Columbia County.															
Claverack, Trinity	11	38	..	..	21	1	..	3	13	..	..	$116 55	$25 28	.....	.....
Clermont, St. Luke's	22	120	1	..	27	..	..	3	50	..	..	89 62	21 67	.....	.....
Copake, St. John's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hudson, Christ	....	....	34	21	207	7	15	25	300	..	..	3,715 89	1,350 20	$283 75	$151 30
Kinderhook, St. Paul's	15	60	15	1	32	..	1	7	50	..	..	598 60	160 95	.....	.....
Stockport, St. John, the Evang't.	100	....	31	12	87	..	16	14	144	..	..	1,598 39	138 76	25 59	.....
Total	148	218	81	34	374	8	32	52	537	..	..	$6,119 05	$1,696 88	$309 34	$151 30
Delaware County.															
Bloomville, Grace	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delhi, St. John's	75	....	2	4	140	..	1	12	60	..	..	150 25	5 45	70 90	15 00
Deposit, Christ	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin, St. Paul's	62	190	3	..	87	2	1	7	40	..	..	288 15	46 21	3 50	4 34
Hobart, St. Peter's	50	175	4	10	84	1	3	6	50	..	..	296 00	37 81	.....	.....
Walton, Christ	59	....	14	17	79	2	3	9	50	..	..	664 10	63 44	5 85	5 05
Total	246	365	23	31	390	5	8	34	200	..	..	$1,598 50	$152 91	$80 22	$24 39
Essex County.															
Boquet, St. John's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Essex, St. John's	....	....	12	1	53	1	2	5	15	..	..	72 13	36 64	8 60	12 36

Keeseville, St. Paul's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ticonderoga, Church of the Cross	17	43	9	7	21	..	..	5	12	..	..	240 00	.....	... ..	.....
Total	17	43	21	8	74	1	2	10	27	..	..	$312 13	$36 64	$8 60	$12 36
FRANKLIN COUNTY.															
Brush's Mills, St. Peter's	15	80	8	5	20	..	2	4	30	..	..	262 00	47 60	.....	.....
Malone, St. Mark's	90	376	18	8	135	7	9	16	70	..	..	2,046 03	315 00	57 84	249 04
Total	105	456	26	13	155	7	11	20	100	..	..	$2,308 03	$362 60	$57 84	$249 04
FULTON COUNTY.															
Johnstown, St. John's	80	....	11	13	105	5	9	20	114	..	..	493 00	165 00	6 00	.....
Gloversville	....	....	8	4	15	..	..	5	30	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Northampton, Redeemer	23	7	15	15	39	..	4	3	15	1	18	177 02	195 50	.....	.....
Total	103	7	34	30	159	5	13	28	159	1	18	$670 02	$360 50	$6 00	.....
GREENE COUNTY.															
Athens, Trinity	....	225	10	9	109	3	7	12	104	..	..	848 59	223 79	15 00	6 25
Cairo, Calvary	24	120	7	8	53	3	12	4	16	..	..	446 53	54 50	.....	.....
Catskill, St. Luke's	108	378	31	12	162	6	11	19	100	2	67	2,270 32	602 80	72 04	.....
Coxsackie, Christ	30	65	..	..	31	..	..	3	20	..	..	501 09	24 68	.....	.....
Greenville, Christ	13	43	3	4	20	..	1	5	22	..	..	33 20	10 00	5 00	.....
Oak Hill, St. Paul's	52	168	11	7	36	4	3	3	30	1	30	350 00	10 50	.....	.....
Prattsville, Grace	....	....	3	2	27	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	16 04	.....	.....
Windham, Trinity	....	....	7	5	64	..	5	....	.....	..	..	140 00	36 40	12 00	33 00
Total	227	999	72	47	502	16	39	46	292	3	97	$4,639 73	$978 71	$89 04	$39 25
HERKIMER COUNTY.															
Fairfield, Trinity	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	183 00	4 00	.....	.....
Herkimer, Christ	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ilion, St. Augustine's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Churches.	Families.	Individuals.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sun. School. Teachers.	Sun. School. Pupils.	Parish School. Teachers.	Parish School. Pupils.	Offerings. Parochial.	Offerings. Diocesan.	Offerings. General.	Offerings. Miscellaneous.
Little Falls, Emmanuel	113	443	18	11	97	10	9	15	123	1	17	$2,653 86	$121 76	.....	$76 75
Norway, Grace	....	....	16	6	66	..	3	16	72	..	..	264 94	28 27	.....	.....
Total	113	443	34	17	163	10	12	31	195	1	17	$3,101 80	$154 03	.....	$76 75
Montgomery County.															
Amsterdam, St. Ann's	55	250	10	13	67	2	11	14	80	..	..	855 92	252 40	$9 00	.....
Canajoharie, St. Polycarp's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fonda, Zion	21	42	21	6	14	4	3	....	.....	..	..	38 47	40 86	2 50	.....
Total	76	292	31	19	81	6	14	14	80	..	..	$894 39	$293 26	$11 50	.....
Otsego County.															
Butternuts, Christ	68	208	8	8	90	2	3	5	34	..	..	638 50	92 00	11 00	11 00
Cherry Valley, Grace	81	330	24	20	107	3	6	9	50	..	..	885 00	572 25	53 20	.....
Cooperstown, Christ	100	450	13	7	170	3	16	16	120	..	..	2,474 39	435 44	714 14	200 00
Exeter, St. John's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garrattsville, St. Mark's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monticello, St Luke's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morris, Zion	150	650	16	10	272	8	8	30	200	..	..	8,878 50	726 63	138 41	315 00
Oneonta Mission	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otego, Immanuel	....	....	8	3	43	1	1	2	17	..	..	136 00	41 00	.....	.....
Portlandville, St John's	20	36	5	10	22	2	..	5	10	..	..	108 60	124 44	3 00	.....
Richfield, St. Luke's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....

Richfield Springs, St. John's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schenevus Mission	7	15	1	1	6	..	..	1	5	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unadilla, St. Matthew's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westford, St. Timothy's	5	40	2	3	31	1	2	....	.....	..	..	430 38	105 00	.....	.....
West Burlington, Christ	45	100	11	19	54	1	2	6	30	..	..	7 20	63 19	.....	.....
Worcester Mission	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	476	1,829	88	81	795	21	38	74	466	..	..	$13,558 57	$2,159 05	$919 75	$526 00
RENSSELAER COUNTY.															
Greenbush, Messiah	40	150	11	14	48	4	5	16	75	..	..	1,247 75	25 00	.....	.....
Hoosac Falls, St. Mark's	37	....	3	..	55	4	5	....	.....	..	..	2,095 68	390 63	10 00	12 00
Hoosac Four Corners, St. Mary's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lansingburgh, Trinity	160	350	35	12	165	8	9	20	150	..	..	2,375 00	529 00	.....	.....
Schaghticoke, Trinity	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy, Christ	123	....	19	8	141	8	9	19	170	..	..	3,330 55	242 00	25 00	197 48
Holy Cross	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John's	165	....	35	16	314	17	14	30	300	..	..	5,417 41	1,528 43	835 07	2.049 59
St. Paul's	....	....	28	7	376	22	16	35	281	..	..	14,329 14	2,597 50	434 00	2,155 50
St. Luke's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	525	500	131	57	1,099	63	58	120	976	..	..	$28,795 53	$5,312 56	1,304 07	4,414 57
SARATOGA COUNTY.															
Balston Spa, Christ	107	400	25	17	185	7	14	20	122	2	97	490 51	644 92	48 08	131 42
Burnt Hills, Calvary	22	100	7	9	45	1	1	....	.....	..	..	620 00	950 00	.....	.....
Charlton, St. Paul's	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsville, St. Luke's	31	85	6	2	41	1	..	5	36	..	..	212 32	54 89	13 75	.....
Saratoga Springs, Bethesda	160	600	47	17	255	6	15	21	170	..	..	4,935 08	1,703 69	169 56	22 10
Schuylerville, St. Stephen's	13	85	9	9	18	..	1	7	25	2	20	509 56	20 94	13 00	1 76
Stillwater, St. John's	7	30	1	..	13	..	..	2	9	..	..	7 70	23 11	6 15	.....
Waterford, Grace	107	328	19	4	107	5	8	18	90	..	..	2,850 00	609 90	6 50	.....
West Charlton, St. Mary's	42	120	1	3	41	..	2	6	30	..	..	670 79	529 83	5 00	2 90
Total	489	1,748	115	61	705	20	41	79	482	4	117	$10,295 96	$4,537 28	$262 04	$158 18

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Schenectady County.															
Duanesburgh, Christ	....	....	3	..	67	..	2	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schenectady, St. George's	180	9	45	5	240	11	23	21	180	..	..	$2,858 00	$2,191 73	$65 10	$111 00
Christ	20	60	37	9	39	1	7	15	80	..	..	4,696 31	4 00	.....	.....
Total	200	69	85	14	346	12	32	36	260	..	..	$7,554 31	$2,195 73	$65 10	$111 00
Schoharie County.															
Middleburgh, St. Luke's	3	13	5	6	21	8	1	2	9	..	..	55 76	26 15	76	.....
Schoharie, St. Andrew's	2	6	..	..	4	1	..	....	.....	..	..	12 00	1 22	.....	.....
Sharon Springs, Trinity Chapel	....	....	4	7	38	..	1	15	123	..	..	2,460 89	207 76	.....	.....
Total	5	19	9	13	63	9	2	17	132	..	..	528 56	$235 13	76	.....
St. Lawrence County.															
Canton, Grace	58	184	40	15	93	1	8	9	83	..	..	1,301 27	116 82	13 45	33 60
Gouverneur, Trinity	50	150	11	7	40	..	1	6	35	1	30	4,046 65	60 00	.....	.....
Lisbon, St. Luke's	15	45	4	..	20	1	1	....	50	..	..	175 00	84 65	.....	.....
Massena, Great Shepherd	20	97	10	4	29	..	..	1	6	..	..	.....	15 00	10 00	.....
Morristown, Christ	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norfolk, Grace	1	47	4	..	19	..	..	...	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ogdensburgh, St. John's	....	....	35	..	150	40	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	800 00	.....
Potsdam, Trinity	65	200	15	11	90	1	9	10	50	..	..	1,482 57	565 00	41 00	.....

Potsdam Junction Mission	....	45	..	3	19	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waddington, St. Paul's	45	60	18	..	50	8	5	9	42	..	..	1,716 24	57 05	.....	.....
Total	254	828	137	40	510	51	24	35	266	1	30	$8,721 73	$898 52	$864 45	$36 60
WARREN COUNTY.															
Bolton, St Sacrament	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caldwell, St. James'	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glen's Falls, Messiah	85	....	10	10	77	3	6	6	50	..	..	925 46	256 44	.....	5 00
Harrisena Mission	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Luzerne, St. Mary's	9	30	3	6	12	..	..	4	13	..	..	222 58	86 50	12 90	150 33
Pottersville, Christ	150	600	..	..	19	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Warrensburgh, Holy Cross	26	70	19	7	30	..	..	6	43	..	..	672 94	72 80	.....	.....
Total	270	700	32	23	138	3	6	16	106	....	....	$1,820 98	$420 74	$12 90	$155 33
WASHINGTON COUNTY.															
Cambridge, St. Luke's	26	112	10	4	25	..	2	5	26	..	..	700 50	46 60	.....	.....
Fort Edward, St. James'	64	....	8	4	118	4	2	14	113	..	..	390 20	298 17	21 89	127 14
Granville, Trinity	20	72	1	..	10	1	..	4	25	..	..	164 04	8 15	.....	.....
Hampton, Christ	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem, St. Paul's	43	201	16	8	42	1	4	10	86	..	..	1,132 39	136 11	70 00	.....
Sandy Hill, Zion	47	....	20	13	96	4	5	14	84	..	..	187 64	237 31	25 47	552 60
Whitehall, Trinity	75	54	54	47	107	2	2	10	75	..	..	2,087 00	350 00	7 00	100 00
Total	275	439	109	76	398	12	15	57	409	....	....	$4,661 77	$1,076 34	$124 36	$879 74

RECAPITULATION.

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Delaware	246	365	23	31	390	5	8	34	200	..	..	1,598 50	152 91	80 22	24 39
Essex	17	43	21	8	74	1	2	10	27	..	..	312 13	36 64	8 60	12 36
Franklin	105	456	26	13	155	7	11	20	100	..	..	2,308 03	362 60	57 84	249 04
Fulton	103	7	34	30	159	5	13	28	159	1	18	670 02	360 50	6 00	.....
Greene	227	999	72	47	502	16	39	46	292	3	97	4,639 73	978 71	89 04	39 25
Herkimer	113	443	34	17	163	10	12	31	195	1	17	3,101 80	154 03	.....	76 75
Montgomery	76	292	31	19	81	6	14	14	80	..	..	894 39	293 26	11 50	.....
Otsego	476	1,829	88	81	795	21	38	74	466	..	..	13,558 57	2,159 05	919 75	526 00
Rensselaer	525	500	131	57	1,099	63	58	120	976	..	..	28,795 53	5,312 50	1,304 07	4,414 57
Saratoga	489	1,748	115	61	705	20	41	79	482	4	117	10,295 96	4,537 28	262 04	158 18
Schenectady	200	69	85	14	346	12	32	36	260	..	..	7,554 31	2,195 73	65 10	111 00
Schoharie	5	19	9	13	63	9	2	17	132	..	..	528 50	235 13	76	.....
St. Lawrence	254	828	137	40	510	51	24	35	266	1	30	8,721 73	898 52	864 45	36 60
Warren	270	700	32	23	138	3	6	16	106	..	..	1,820 98	420 74	12 90	155 33
Washington	275	439	109	76	398	12	15	57	409	..	..	4,661 77	1,076 34	124 36	879 74
Total	5,050	12,465	1343	767	7,887	331	504	915	6,708	17	423	132,858 63	38,837 72	5,581 77	8,964 46

APPENDIX III.

THE CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 30, A. D. 1869.

CANON I.

A LIST TO BE MADE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE DIOCESE.

SEC. 1. Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective Cures, or Parishes, or Stations as Missionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Seminaries of Learning, in which they are engaged; or, in regard to those who are not engaged in Parishes, Missions, or Institutions of Learning, as above, their places of residence only; but no Clergyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have a place on the said list. And such list shall be laid before the Convention on the first day of meeting, and be prefixed to the Journal.

SEC. 2. The right of any Clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined according to the provisions of the third article of the Constitution, by the Convention itself, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

CANON II.

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION, AND THE EVIDENCE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO SEATS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or, in case there be no Bishop, or of his inability or disability to act, then of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, to prepare and submit to the Convention, at its next session, a list of all the qualified Ministers of this Church, who, at the time of the passage of this Canon, are regularly admitted and settled in some Church within this Diocese, which is in union with this Convention, specifying the names of the several Churches in which they are admitted or settled, which list shall be authenticated by the Bishop or Standing Committee; and after having been submitted to the Convention—which may correct the same if inaccurate, in any particular—shall be recorded by the Secre-

tary of the Convention, in a book to be provided by him, and kept in accordance with the 2d Section of Canon XXX, of the General Convention of 1832.*

And it is hereby declared, that in all cases hereafter arising, of a contested right to a seat in the Convention, of any Minister, claiming by virtue of any settlement or admission prior to the passage of this Canon, the said list or record shall be taken as presumptive evidence of the right of those whose names shall appear thereon, and of the right of none others—liable, however, to be rebutted by other evidence satisfactory to the Convention.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Convention shall record in the book mentioned in the preceding Section, all certificates that shall be transmitted to him, in accordance with the said 2d Section of Canon XXX, of the General Convention of 1832.* And in case of a contested right to a seat in the Convention of any Clergyman who shall have been elected to any Church or Parish in this Diocese, after the passage of this Canon, the evidence of settlement shall consist in the said record; or in the production to the Convention of the certificate required by the said Canon together with a certificate of the Bishop, or of the Standing Committee, of his or their being satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of this Church. Which certificates, if not previously recorded, shall thereupon be recorded by the Secretary in the aforesaid book.

SEC. 3. Every Minister who may be received into this Diocese after the passage of this Canon, shall procure from the Bishop, or, in case of his disability or inability to act, from a majority of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, duly convened, a certificate that he has been received into this Diocese, in compliance with the Canon of the General Convention. And before he shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, he shall cause such certificate to be recorded by the Secretary of the Convention in the book mentioned in the preceding sections. And in case of the contested right to a seat in the Convention of any Minister who may be received into this Diocese after the adoption of this Canon, the production of such record, or of such certificate, shall be presumptive evidence of regular admission—which certificate, if not previously recorded, shall thereupon be recorded by the Secretary in the said Book.

SEC. 4. In case of a contested right to a seat in the Convention, of a Clergyman claiming such right, by virtue of his being employed as a Missionary under the direction of this Convention, the evidence of such employment shall consist in the written certificate of the Bishop; or, in case of a vacancy of the Episcopate, or of the inability or disability of the Bishop, in the written certificate of the Chairman of the Missionary Committee of the Diocese.

SEC. 5. In case of a contested right to a seat in the Convention of a Clergyman claiming such right by virtue of his being engaged as a Professor or Instructor of youth in a College, Academy, or General Seminary of Learning, duly incorporated, the evidence of his connection with such College, Academy or Seminary, shall consist in the written certificate of the President or Secretary of such Corporation, that he is so employed.

SEC. 6. The appointment of Lay Delegates to the Convention, if they be chosen by the Vestry of any Church, shall be made at a regular meeting of such Vestry, held according to law; if they be chosen by the Congregation, the like notice of the time and place of holding the election shall be previously given, and the electors must have the like legal qualifications, and the election shall be conducted in the

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* Now Canon XII, § 1, 2, Title I.

like manner, as prescribed by laws for the election of Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parishes respectively in which they are held.

The evidence of the appointment of a Lay Delegate, if made by the Vestry, shall consist in a written certificate, signed both by the Rector of the Church, if there be one; or, if there be no Rector, then by the Warden who presides at the meeting at which such Delegate is appointed, and by the Clerk of the Vestry. If the appointment be made by the Congregation, the evidence of such appointment shall consist in a certificate signed by the same persons, who are required by law to certify or attest the election of Wardens and Vestrymen in the respective Parishes. Every certificate of the appointment of a Lay Delegate shall show upon its face that the appointment has been made in pursuance of all the requirements of this Section, and shall certify that the Delegate has the qualifications required by the Third Article of the Constitution, and by the next succeeding section of this Canon. And no other certificate or evidence of appointment of any Lay Delegate, than such as is herein required, shall be allowed or received.

SEC. 7. No Lay Delegate shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention unless he be entitled to vote for Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church which he is appointed to represent.

SEC. 8. A copy of the sixth and seventh sections of this Canon shall be annually transmitted by the Secretary of the Convention, together with a blank printed form of certificate of appointment of Lay Delegates, to every Church in this Diocese in union with the Convention, in the same manner with the notice, which by the Constitution he is or may be required to give of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention.

SEC. 9. The presence of at least thirty Clergymen entitled to vote in the Convention, and of Delegates from at least thirty congregations, shall be necessary to the transaction of business—except that a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

SEC. 10. If the President *ex-officio* of the Convention is not present at its opening, the Secretary of the Convention shall call the members who present themselves, to order, when the Senior Presbyter present, entitled to a seat in the Convention, shall take the Chair and shall preside until a President be elected, as provided by Article V of the Constitution.

SEC. 11. The Secretary of the Convention, under the direction of the Bishop, or, in case of his absence or inability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, under the direction of the Standing Committee, shall call over the names of the Clergy entitled to seats.

SEC. 12. He shall call over the Churches entitled to representation, when the Lay Delegates shall present their certificates; which certificates shall be examined by the Secretary and a Committee of two members appointed by the Presiding Officer. Irregular or defective certificates, and certificates and documents referring to contested seats, shall be temporarily laid aside. The names of the Lay Delegates duly appointed shall then be called, after which the certificates and documents laid aside shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide on the admission of the deputies named therein.

SEC. 13. A constitutional quorum (thirty Clergymen and thirty Delegations) being present, the President *ex officio*, if present, shall declare the Convention duly organized. If he be not present, or unable to act, the temporary President shall direct that the members proceed to vote for a President, as provided in Article V of the Constitution, which election shall be by ballot, unless dispensed with by the

unanimous vote of the members present. The President being elected, shall declare the Convention organized for business.

SEC. 14. The Convention shall then proceed to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous vote of the members present. The Secretary shall appoint an Assistant, and announce his name to the Convention.

SEC. 15. The existing Rules of Order, so far as they are applicable to the preliminary proceedings for the organization of the Convention, shall be deemed in force for that purpose; and the said Rules of Order, except such of them as prescribe the mode of altering the same, shall regulate the proceedings after the organization, until altered by the Convention.

SEC. 17. (I.) When a Church or Corporation incorporated under any law of the State of New York, other than the General Act for the Incorporation of Churches, passed April, 1813, and its amendments, has been admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese, the Minister of said Church or Congregation shall be admitted to a seat in the Convention, *provided* that he shall have presented to the Bishop of the Diocese such a certificate of settlement as is required in Canon XII, Section 1, Title 1, of the "Digest," except that the same may be signed by the Presiding and Recording officers of the body electing the Minister; and provided that the Bishop being satisfied that such Minister is a qualified Minister of this Church, has transmitted such certificate to the Secretary of the Convention, to be recorded by him in the book mentioned in Section 1 of this Canon.

(II.) And each Church or Congregation shall be entitled to appoint Lay Delegates to this Convention, not exceeding three in number, who shall have been connected with the said Church or Congregation for at least twelve months previous to the election; to be chosen by the male members of full legal age of the Church or Congregation, and who shall have been connected therewith as stated worshippers for the space of one year previous to the election.

The time, place and manner of holding such election, and the notice for holding the same (which shall be ten days at least), shall be fixed by rules or by laws, made by the Trustees of said Church or Congregation, or by the members of the same, qualified as aforesaid, at a meeting duly convened.

(III.) A written certificate of the appointment of such Delegates shall be presented to the Convention, signed by the Minister of such Church or Congregation, if there be one, or if there be no Minister, by the presiding officer at the meeting of the Congregation by which they were appointed, and by the Clerk or Secretary of such meeting; which certificate shall declare that the persons so appointed Lay Delegates have been duly chosen by such Church or Congregation, are members of such Church or Congregation, and have been such members for twelve months preceding; and further, that all the requirements of this Canon, and of the general rules or laws governing the election, have been duly observed.

No other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any Lay Delegates than such as is here required, shall be allowed or received.

CANON III.

OF THE CALL OF THE CONVENTION.

Unless it be otherwise directed by the Convention, the mode of giving notice of the meeting of any Convention shall be by an advertisement of the time and place of such meeting, signed by the Secretary, and published in three of the public papers printed in the Diocese of Albany, and by a printed notice sent to every

Clergyman, and Congregation of the Diocese. Whenever, under the provisions of the Constitution, a Special Convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the notice thereof, to specify such purpose.

CANON IV.

OF THE ADMISSION OF A CHURCH INTO UNION WITH THE CHURCH IN THIS DIOCESE, AND MAINTAINING SUCH UNION.

SEC. 1. Every Church or congregation desiring admission into union with the Church in this Diocese, shall present a written application therefor to the Convention, together with a copy of the resolution of the Vestry, or of the congregation authorizing such application; in which resolution the said Church, by its Vestry or congregation, shall agree to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention; which copy shall be duly certified by the presiding officer of the Vestry, or of the meeting of the congregation at which the resolution was adopted, *and also* by the Clerk of the Vestry or Secretary of the meeting; und shall be authenticated by the seal of the Corporation.

The said application shall also be accompanied by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church, duly recorded, or a copy thereof certified by the officer whose duty it may be to record or file the same; *and also*, by a Certificate of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of his inability or disability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the Standing Committee, that he or they approve of the Incorporation of such Church, and that such Church, in his or their judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established; and every Church or congregation applying for admission, shall produce satisfactory evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding such application, attended divine service in such Church or congregation.

SEC. 2. (I.) No application for the admission of a Church into union with the Church in this Diocese, shall be considered or acted upon at any meeting of the Convention, unless the same has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention at least thirty days before the meeting of the Convention.

(II.) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, at least twenty days before the meeting of the Convention, to deliver to a Committee, to be annually appointed (to be called the Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches), all applications for admission into union, which shall have been received by him, to be by such Committee examined, considered and reported upon to the Convention.

SEC. 3. Whenever hereafter any Church, in union with this Convention, shall neglect, for three years in succession, to make a Parochial Report, no Missionary Report being made on its behalf, and shall not, during the same period, have employed a Clergyman as its Parish Minister, nor requested of the Ecclesiastical authority to have the services of a Missionary, such Church shall be regarded as having forfeited its connection with the Convention, and shall no longer have a right to send a Delegate or Delegates to the same.

The Bishop shall report such Church to the Convention in his Annual Address.

Such Church, however, may be re-admitted, upon application to the Convention, accompanied by a report of its condition, and on such terms as shall appear just: such re-admission to take effect from and after the rising of the Convention consenting to such admission.

CANON V.

OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take and keep the Minutes of the proceedings of the Convention, to preserve its Journals and Records, to attest the public acts of the Body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers relating to the business and concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession or under his control. It shall also be his duty to give due notice to each Minister, and Vestry or congregation, of the time and place appointed for the meetings of each succeeding Convention, and to publish notice of the meeting of the Convention in three of the public papers of the Diocese of Albany, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Rules of Order of the Convention.

SEC. 2. He shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange.

SEC. 3. He shall also transmit to every General Convention, in addition to the documents mentioned in Canon XV, § 3, Title I of the "Digest," a certificate to be signed by himself, containing a list of the Clergymen in this Diocese, and the amount of funds paid or secured to be paid (distinguishing them) to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of Trustees of that Seminary; and also a like certificate of the appointment of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

SEC. 4. Any expense incurred by a compliance with the third section of this Canon shall be paid out of the Diocesan Fund.

SEC. 5. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Assistant Secretary, if there be one; if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

CANON VI.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. At every stated Convention, there shall be chosen by ballot a Treasurer of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next stated Convention, and until a successor is appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated.

SEC. 2. His accounts shall be rendered annually to the Convention, and shall be examined by a Committee acting under its authority.

SEC. 3. In case of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer, it shall be supplied by an appointment to be made by the Standing Committee; and the person so appointed shall continue to act until an appointment is made by the Convention.

CANON VII.

OF PARISH REGISTERS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Whereas, by the XXIXth Canon of the General Convention of 1832,* it is made the duty of each Clergyman of this Church to keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, and Funerals within his Cure; agreeably to

* Now Canon XII, § 5, Title I.

such rules as may be provided by the Convention of the Diocese where his Cure lies:—it is hereby ordered, that,

SEC. 1. The Record shall specify the name, and the time of the birth of the child baptized, with the name of the parents and sponsors; the name of the adult baptized; the names of the parties married; the names of the persons buried; and also the time when each rite was performed. These Registers shall be kept by the Minister in a book to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church; which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry as a part of the records of the Church.

The list of Communicants shall embrace all within his Cure as nearly as can be ascertained, and he shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his Cure, as far as practicable; and also an accurate list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

SEC. 2. And whereas, by the VIIth Canon of the General Convention of 1835,* every Minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or when there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations and Funerals; and of the number of Communicants in his Parish or Church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; it is hereby further ordered, that in reporting the number of Communicants, he shall distinguish the additions, removals and deaths, since the last report.

SEC. 3. In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register contemplated by this Canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop by the Wardens of the Parish.

CANON VIII.

OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Whereas, by Canon XV, § 5, Title I, of the "Digest," "it is recommended that the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church in every Diocese prepare a condensed report and a tabular view of the state of the Church in their Diocese, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in drafting their report;" therefore a Committee of the Convention of this Diocese shall be appointed at the stated meeting of the same, next before every stated meeting of the General Convention, to assist the Bishop in preparing a report of the state of the Church in this Diocese, and a list of the Clergy, to be presented to the General Convention.

CANON IX.

OF DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 1. The Convention shall, at each second regular annual meeting next succeeding a stated meeting of the General Convention, elect, by the concurrent ballot of the Clerical and Lay members, four Clergymen and four Laymen, to act as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. It shall also, in like manner, elect four Clergymen and four Laymen, as Provisional Deputies, to act in the case hereinafter mentioned; which Deputies and Provisional Deputies shall hold their respective stations until successors are appointed, and shall be Deputies, or Provisional Deputies, for any General Convention which may be held during their continuance in office.

SEC. 2. Should a vacancy occur by resignation, removal from the Diocese, death, or otherwise, among the Deputies or Provisional Deputies, between the stated times of election, the vacancy shall be supplied by any Convention, during or prior to which such vacancy shall occur.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect, to signify to the Bishop, at least ten days before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance of the appointment, and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which, the Bishop shall designate from the list of Provisional Deputies, so many as may be necessary to insure, as far as practicable, a full representation of the Diocese. And the Bishop shall, in like manner, designate from the same list of Provisional Deputies, one or more, as the case may be, to supply any deficiency in the representation of this Diocese which may in any way occur. And the person or persons so designated by the Bishop, being furnished with his certificate thereof, shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention.

SEC. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability of the Bishop to act, the power conferred upon the Bishop by this Canon shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

CANON X.

OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Whereas, by Canon II, Section 1, Title 3, of the "Digest," it is required that there shall be a Standing Committee, to be appointed by the Convention in each Diocese, whose duties, except so far as provided for by the Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses; therefore, in addition to the Canons of the General Convention touching Standing Committees, it is hereby declared that the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Albany shall be constituted in the manner, and perform the duties, hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 1. At every stated Convention an election of a Standing Committee shall be made; which Committee shall consist of four of the Clergy and four of the Laity, to be chosen by ballot, and by the concurrent vote of the members of each order. Vacancies in said Committee, occurring by death or otherwise, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the Clerical members and lay members of the Committee.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy of the Episcopate, or the inability or disability of the Bishop, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline, shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are or may be specially delegated to, or enjoined upon the Clerical members of said Committee; in which cases, such powers and duties shall be exercised by said Clerical members alone; provided, that no sentence shall be pronounced on a Clergyman but by a Bishop.

SEC. 3. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a Clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

SEC. 4. Should a stated Convention, from any cause, not be held at the appointed time, or, if such Convention should be held, but no election be made pursuant to Section 1 of this Canon, then the last Standing Committee elected shall continue to perform the duties of the office until a new election takes place.

CANON XI.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

SEC. 1. Whenever a Parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

SEC. 2. The Bishop shall appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes as have been reported to him, at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. And at every Convention, the Clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the Parishes which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant Parishes thus supplied, to defray all the expenses incident to such occasional services.

CANON XII.

CONCERNING ELECTIONS.

Elections by ballot, when required by these Canons, may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention. And when an election is by ballot, a majority of the votes in each order shall be necessary to a valid election.

CANON XIII.

OF THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

SEC. 1. The fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, now provided, together with that which may be hereafter contributed or acquired, and any accumulation accruing from the investment thereof, shall be entrusted to the Corporation entitled "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund for the Diocese of Albany," incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, passed May, 1869. The Trustees composing said Corporation shall be five in number, who shall be appointed by, and shall hold their offices during the pleasure of, the Convention, and all vacancies occurring in their number shall be filled up by the Convention.

SEC. 2. All moneys belonging to the said fund shall be loaned by the said Trustees upon security of real estate, or invested in stock of the United States, or of this State, or of the City of New York, at their discretion; and all securities and investments shall be taken or made in their corporate name above mentioned, and they shall have power, from time to time, to change such investments. A statement, exhibiting the condition of the said fund and securities, together with all receipts and disbursements, shall be reported to the Convention at every stated meeting thereof, signed by the Trustees, or a majority of them.

CANON XIV.

OF THE DIOCESAN FUND.

SEC. 1. Whereas it is indispensable to provide a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Convention, and particularly the expenses of those of the Clergy who may have to travel from a distance to the Convention; it is hereby required of every congregation in this Diocese to pay to the Treasurer of the Convention, on or before the day of its annual meeting, a contribution of not less than two per cent on the amount of the salary of its Clergyman. Which fund shall from time to time be appropriated in part by a Committee of the Convention to the purposes above mentioned.

SEC. 2. And whereas, by Canon I, § 5, Title III, of the "Digest," it is made the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, at each meeting of the same, three dollars for each Clergyman within the Diocese, for the purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the said

Convention; therefore, it shall be the duty of the Committee appointed to appropriate the moneys paid in to the Diocesan Fund, to retain annually out of such moneys one dollar for each Clergyman in this Diocese. The moneys thus arising shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be by him paid over to the Treasurer of the General Convention at each meeting of the same.

CANON XV.

OF THE MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE.

The Church in this Diocese acknowledging her responsibility in common with the whole Church, for the fulfillment of the charge of our Lord, to preach the Gospel to every creature, and her special obligation to extend the Church throughout the Diocese, in order to the discharge of these duties, enacts the following provisions:

SEC. 1. The Diocesan Missionary Society of Albany is composed of all the members of the Church in this Diocese; but shall be, for all purposes of transacting business, represented by the Bishop and the Clerical and Lay Members of the Diocesan Convention.

SEC. 2. The Society shall hold its annual meeting at the place of the meeting of the annual Convention of the Diocese, and on the evening of the first day of its session, the Bishop presiding, if there be one; the Secretary of the Convention being its Secretary; and the members of the Convention, Clerical and Lay, a quorum being present, shall be competent to transact its business. At this meeting, after the reading of the Missionary reports, the Board of Missions for the coming year shall be elected, as hereafter provided, and Missionary addresses shall be made.

SEC. 3. The Board of Missions shall be composed of five Clergymen and five Laymen, to be chosen, one from each Missionary district of the Diocese, as hereafter provided; the Bishop being, *ex-officio*, a member and the President of the Board, and having the sole power of nominating Missionaries for appointment by the Board.

SEC. 4. (I.) The Diocese shall be distributed into five Missionary Convocations; the first consisting of the counties of Albany, Herkimer, Greene and Columbia; the second consisting of the counties of Rensselaer, Washington, Saratoga and Warren; the third consisting of the counties of Essex, Clinton, Franklin and St. Lawrence; the fourth consisting of the counties of Schenectady, Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton; and the fifth consisting of the counties of Otsego, Delaware and Schoharie. These Convocations shall all be organized under the direction of the Bishop, who shall preside in them when present; but each Convocation shall have a President, to be appointed by the Bishop, on the nomination of the members of the Convocation.

(II.) Each Convocation shall be composed of the Clergymen residing within its limits, and of Laymen, not exceeding three in number, chosen in each Parish and Missionary station, by the Vestry or congregation. It shall meet at least twice during the year, and shall be chargeable with the Missionary work in its own district, under its President; who may also be present, without a vote, at all meetings of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

SEC. 5. (I.) At each meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society, ten persons, members of the Church within the Diocese, one-half of whom shall be Clergymen, and the other half Laymen, shall be chosen by ballot, one Clergyman and one Layman from every Convocation in the Diocese, who, with the Bishop, shall compose a Board to be called "The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany."

(II.) The Board shall meet at least quarterly, in different parts of the Diocese, at such times and places as they may appoint. They shall elect their own Secretary and Treasurer; adopt their own by-laws; designate stations and appoint Missionaries on the Bishop's nomination; devise means for securing funds for Missionary uses, and distribute them; publish, from time to time, statements of their work; and make a full report to each annual Convention, which report shall contain the names of all stations and Missionaries, the annual receipts and expenditures, the names of congregations and individuals contributing, and a list of non-contributing Parishes, if any, and shall be entered in full upon the Journal.

(III.) All moneys for Diocesan missions shall be appropriated under the direction of this Board; any congregation or individual being allowed to designate the station to which half of their contributions shall be applied; and the Treasurer shall report each year, besides these general funds, all sums certified to him by the Rector of any Parish, as expended in the local missionary work of that Parish, and all sums certified by the President of any of the Missionary Convocations, as expended in their local missionary work.

(IV.) The travelling expenses of Missionaries and members of the Board to the stated quarterly meetings, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Society, if the funds are sufficient.

CANON XVI.

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF MISSIONS.

SEC. 1. Any residents of any town, village or district, in which there is no organized Parish, may make application to the Bishop to organize a Mission in and for such town, village or district, which application shall be in the following or similar form, viz:

To the Right Reverend , Bishop of the Diocese of Albany:

We, the undersigned, residents of the town of , county of , Diocese of Albany, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us, as you think fit. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of said Church, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Albany, and to the rules regulating Missionary stations in this Diocese. And in accordance with these rules, we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission, under the name of Mission . Furthermore, we hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, in four equal quarterly installments, the sum of at least for the first year.

Respectfully, your obedient servants.

This application should be signed by all the adults who propose to be members of the Mission.

SEC. 2. (I.) If the Bishop consent to the organization of a Mission, he shall appoint, on consultation with the Missionary, the following officers, to serve for the first year, after which they shall be elected annually, in Easter week, by the people: A Warden, a Treasurer, and a Clerk; or, if it be deemed expedient by the Bishop, a Warden and Treasurer only shall be appointed.

(II.) It shall be the duty of the Warden to procure a room or house to be used as a place of public worship, and to see that the same be kept clean and in good repair, and that it be provided with all things necessary for conducting the services of the Church decently and in order. He shall also provide the bread and wine

for the Holy Communion; take charge of the Communion service, the linen, books &c., belonging to the Mission; and shall endeavor, in the absence of the Missionary at any time, to keep up the regularity of the services.

(III.) The Warden shall be constituted delegate *ex officio* to the Convention, where he shall have a seat and voice, but shall not be allowed to vote. He shall also be entitled to a seat and vote in the meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

(IV.) It shall be the duty of the Clerk, or, if no Clerk be appointed or elected, of the Treasurer, to keep a record of events of importance to the Mission, and a list of its families and members, and in case the Missionary be non-resident, to have the custody of the Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, &c.; but not to make entries therein, except by the Missionary's request, or in his absence; and to attend to any correspondence required by or for the Mission.

(V.) The Missionary, on consultation with the officers, shall appoint the sexton, organist, choir-leader, Sunday School superintendent, and any other helper he may find necessary. But in his absence, the right of such appointment shall rest with the officers previously named.

SEC. 3. (I.) Every person becoming a member of the Mission, and willing to aid in its support, is expected to name a certain sum per week, which he will contribute through the offertory, to the Board of Missions, whether it be large or small, according as God hath blessed him.

(II.) The weekly offertory is to be established at the commencement of the Mission; not only as the easiest way of raising money and of dividing the expenses equitably among the people, but also that the duty and habit of Christian giving may be practically inculcated.

SEC. 4. The title of real estate given to, or purchased by the Mission for Church purposes, shall be vested in the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany, to be held by them until such time as the Mission shall become a duly organized Parish, or longer, if the parishioners shall so elect.

SEC. 5. Missions duly organized shall report to the Bishop annually, at the meeting of the Convention, through their Missionaries, or, if there be none in charge, through their Clerk, or, if there be no Clerk, through the Treasurer.

SEC. 6. (I.) The change from "Mission" to "Parish" may be made when, *first*, there shall be a sufficient number of male persons, qualified to act as Wardens and Vestrymen; and when, *secondly*, the station is provided with a Church or Rectory, and is able to furnish half the salary of the Rector.

(II.) Any existing Parish, reduced to the condition described in Section 1 (I) of this Canon, may, upon a vote of two-thirds of the persons qualified to vote at an election of Wardens and Vestrymen, take advantage of all the provisions of this Canon.

CANON XVII.

OF OFFERINGS.

SEC. 1. Whereas, it is the duty of all Christians, as faithful stewards of God, to set apart regularly, a portion of their income, *as God's portion*, "every one as God hath prospered him," to be used for the maintenance and extension of His kingdom, and the relief of His poor; this Church enjoins this duty upon all her members.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every congregation of this Diocese regularly to contribute every year, by weekly or monthly offerings, or in some other *systematic* way, to the Missions of the Diocese; the General Missions of the Church in the United States; the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society; the education of

young men for the Holy ministry; and the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen: the offerings to be sent to the Treasurers respectively of the various funds for which they are designated; and the amount and destination of all such contributions to form a distinct item in the annual Parochial report.

SEC. 3. The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany shall be the organ of the Diocese for the distribution of all the moneys collected for Diocesan missions.

SEC. 4. The Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York, in which we have an interest in common with our mother Diocese, shall be the organ of this Diocese for the education of young men for Holy orders. A copy of its annual report, if obtained from its Superintendent, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Diocese before each annual Convention.

SEC. 5. The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany and its vicinity shall be the organ of this Diocese for the distribution of Bibles and Prayer Books, and shall present a full report of its proceedings to each annual Convention.

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York, in which we retain a common interest with our mother Diocese, shall be the organ of this Diocese for the purpose of that fund, and shall receive its contributions. The report of the Trustees, if obtained from them, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Diocese before each annual Convention.

SEC. 7. The Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Albany, shall be the organ of this Diocese for this charitable purpose, and shall receive its contributions. The Trustees shall present a report of the Fund to each annual Convention.

CANON XVIII.

OF THE FUND FOR THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

SEC. 1. Three Lay Trustees shall be appointed annually by the Convention, who, with the Bishop and the Treasurer of the Convention, shall constitute a Board, to be called the Trustees of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and whose duty it shall be to receive applications for relief, and to administer it in accordance with such rules and regulations as said Trustees, with the approbation of this Convention, shall from time to time adopt.

SEC. 2. Vacancies occurring in the number of the above named three Lay Trustees, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the remaining Trustees.

SEC. 3. All contributions or donations to this object shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention; and funds not wanted for current use shall be invested and held in trust by the Trustees appointed by the Convention.

CANON XIX.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz:

SEC. 1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offenses of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment

may be made by the major part in number of the members of the Vestry of any Church of which the accused is a Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or as hereinafter mentioned. Whenever from public rumor, or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offense or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint five persons, of whom three at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there is, in their opinion, sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

SEC. 2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offense, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do, and some of which do not, constitute an offense, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate twelve Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused; who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select five, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place (but always within this Diocese), as they shall think necessary.

SEC. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

SEC. 4. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend may adjourn from time to time; and if, after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then those who do attend, not being less than three, shall constitute the Board, and proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

SEC. 5. If a clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

SEC. 6. If a clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may nevertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

SEC. 7. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as shall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmation to the witnesses, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, concerning the facts charged in the presentment. If on or during the trial the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

SEC. 8. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made satisfactorily to appear to him that any material witnesses cannot be procured upon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of any such witness. Such Commissary may be either a Clergyman or a Layman, and the party so applying, shall give to the other at least *six* days' notice of the time and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice shall be served, shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examination, an additional day's notice shall be given for every additional twenty miles of the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and enclosed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A witness examined before such Commissary, may be sworn or affirmed in manner aforesaid.

SEC. 9. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such sentence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open at the time to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced by the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned.

SEC. 10. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon, may be served by a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, and whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person, the facts shall be proved by the affidavit of such person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last place of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

SEC. 11. The defendant may have the privilege of appearing by counsel; in case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who present shall also have the like privilege.

CANON XX.

CONCERNING ALTERATIONS IN THE CANONS, AND ADDITIONS THERETO.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons, shall hereafter be considered by the Convention, unless at least one days' previous notice be given thereof in open Convention; nor, unless by unanimous consent, until such alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a Committee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders, taken separately, shall not concur therein; but in such case, the same (unless negatived by a majority of the members present) shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

[Attest.] J. H. HOBART BROWN, Secretary.

APPENDIX. IV.

CLERICAL REPORTS.

The Bishop of the Diocese has also received Reports, according to the Canon, from the following Clergymen of the Diocese, not having Parochial or Missionary charge:

The Rev. W. D. Boone, Deacon.

I beg to give you the following account of the work done by me as clergyman in charge of the Parish of Oakhill, Greene county, from September 27, 1868, to June 29, 1869:

Services in Parish Church with sermon, 96; services with course lectures, 25; services and sermon at Cooksburg, 9—total, 130. Burials, 3. Baptisms: by me, 6; by the Bishop, 4. Marriages, 4, of which duly attested records are preserved in the Parish register, and certified copies given to the parties. Sunday School, every Sunday at 1–2. Communicants, 44. The Rev. Robert Washbon was our celebrant. During the months of November, December, January and February, I kept school in the rectory. Number confirmed during the year, 7. I resigned my official position on March 19, but by request continued three months. The ground is, in itself, of great consequence. Salary guaranteed by the Vestry, $300.

The Rev. Wm. Henry Capers, Presbyter.

Since my last report to the Diocesan Convention of New York (1868), I have officiated 130 times, baptized 17, and presented 8 for confirmation.

APPENDIX V.

INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES AND ADMISSION OF PARISHES INTO UNION WITH THE CONVENTION.

I.

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS FOR THE INCORPORATION OF A CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.

(Reprinted from the Journal of the Convention of the Diocese of New York, 1868.)

I. PRELIMINARY REQUISITES.

In order to become incorporated under the amended act of 1868, it is requisite:

I. That there be a congregation actually existing, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, containing not less than six male persons, of full age, belonging to such congregation, and not already incorporated in some other Church or congregation.

II. The congregation must have been habitually worshipping together, and must have some usual place of worship—not necessarily a Church—but some place in which they have habitually gathered for Divine worship.

II. PROCEEDINGS PREVIOUS TO HOLDING A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF BECOMING INCORPORATED.

The first proceeding toward becoming incorporated is a notice of a meeting to be held for that purpose.

This notice should be reduced to writing, and *at least* two copies should be made. It must specify the object of the meeting, and the time and place thereof. The place of meeting must be at the usual place of public worship of the Church or congregation about to be incorporated. The notice must be publicly read in the time of morning service, on two Sundays next previous to the time of meeting, *by the Rector, or by the officiating minister;* or, *if there be no Rector,* or officiating minister, then by some other person *belonging to the congregation.* It is recommended that in case there be no Rector, and no officiating minister, some one repu-

table person of the congregation be designated to read this notice on both Sundays immediately preceding the meeting. It must be remembered that it must be read *in the time of morning service.*

A suggested form for this notice is submitted herewith, marked A.

Besides reading the notice, a copy must also be posted in a conspicuous place, on the outside door, near the main entrance to the place of worship in which the congregation assemble. It will be advisable to post this notice, as required, before the commencement of the services on the former of the two Sundays on which the notice is to be read; and to keep it thus posted until the meeting is held.

The notice *posted*, should be a precise copy of that read to the congregation.

Before the meeting is held, it is recommended that a well-bound and suitable blank book be procured, to be used as a Book of Minutes for the Vestry of the Church, in which the proceedings toward the incorporation of the Church should form the first entry.

A form for this entry is suggested, and accompanies these instructions, marked C.

It has been usual to insert in the Certificate of Incorporation under the former act, that the notice required by law, of the meeting, had been given. The same is done in the form of certificate herewith presented; but as the statute does not require this, the statement of it in the certificate would not be evidence of it. It is important, therefore, to preserve the notice which was read in time of morning service on the two Sundays next previous to the meeting, and of which a copy was posted, as above directed.

An affidavit should be endorsed on the notice that it was publicly read and posted, (as required by the statute,) and sworn to before a judge of some court of record, or a justice of the peace, or some other officer authorized to administer oaths within the County in which the Church is situate.

A form of this affidavit is given, accompanying these instructions, marked B.

For greater precaution, it is recommended that this notice and affidavit be attached to, and form a part of, the papers on which the Certificate of Incorporation is written. *Also*, that a copy of the notice, and *another* affidavit, (a precise copy of the other,) *also to be sworn to and certified* by the judge or officer, (so as to be of itself an original and duly certified affidavit,) be entered in the Book of Minutes The party making the oath, and the judge or officer, will, in this case, sign the affidavit and the jurat *in the book, as well as that in the paper attached to the Certificate of Incorporation.*

III. PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETING.

At the time and place appointed for the meeting, there must be present not less than six male persons of full age; they must belong to the Church or congregation about to be incorporated, and must themselves not be already incorporated, (*i. e.*, must not belong to any other incorporated Church or congregation.) The presence of persons already incorporated, or belonging to other congregations, is not to be understood as prohibited; but there must be (in addition to any who may thus belong to an existing incorporated Church) six male persons of full age belonging to the Church about to be incorporated, *who do not belong, at the time, to any other incorporated congregation*.

If there be a Rector of the Church or congregation about to be incorporated, *he must preside* at the meeting. But if there be no Rector, or if he be *necessarily* absent, then one of the Churchwardens or Vestrymen, or any other person *called to the chair*, shall preside at the meeting and receive the votes.

If there be a Rector, the meeting ought to be called with a reasonable certainty of his being able to attend, as the question of the *necessity* of his absence may lead to embarrassment and future difficulty.

But if there be *no* Rector, or, there being one, and he is "*necessarily* absent," the persons present, entitled to vote, must call to the chair either one of the Churchwardens or a Vestryman, or some other person. If there be a Warden present, it is recommended to call him, (but it is not *required* by the statute that a Warden or Vestryman be called in preference of some other person;) if no Warden, then call a Vestryman; if neither Warden nor Vestryman, call some other person to preside.

It will be found convenient to appoint a Secretary of the meeting, (although the statute does not require it,) to record the proceedings of the meeting. He should also record the names of all the persons attending the meeting qualified to vote and act therein.

The meeting being properly convened and organized, is to proceed to the business for which it was called.

The persons entitled to vote must be—

I. Male persons.

II. Of full age.

III. They must belong to the Church or congregation about to be incorporated.

IV. And they must have been *either*—

(*a.*) Baptized in the Protestant Episcopal Church;

(*b.*) *Or* been received therein either by the rite of Confirmation, or by receiving the Holy Communion;

(*c.*) *Or* they must have purchased, and for not less than twelve months next prior to such meeting have owned, a pew or seat in the Church about to be incorporated;

(*d.*) *Or* they must, for not less than twelve months next prior to such meeting, have hired *and paid for* a pew or seat in such Church;

(*e.*) *Or* they must, *during the whole period of twelve months next prior to such meeting*, have been contributors in money to the support of the Church about to be incorporated.

It will be noticed that each voter must possess *four* qualifications—the first three being common to all—the fourth being divisible into five several conditions, either one of which will satisfy that qualification.

The persons thus qualified, shall then, at such meeting, by a majority of votes, determine the following questions:

I. By what name or title the Church or congregation about to be incorporated shall be known in law.

II. On what day in Easter week the annual election for Churchwardens and Vestrymen shall thereafter take place.

III. What number of Vestrymen, *not less than four or more than eight*, shall annually be elected, and shall, together with the Rector (if there be one) and the two Churchwardens, constitute the Vestry of the Church.

This is a new feature in the incorporatian of Churches; formerly the number of Vestrymen was fixed by the statute, in all cases, at eight. Under the present law, the congregation may, at its organization, fix the number at either four, five, six, seven or eight. There must, however, still, as formerly, be two Churchwardens.

IV. The meeting shall then, by a majority of votes, elect two Churchwardens and as many Vestrymen as it shall have been determined, under the last preceding head, are to be annually elected.

It is recommended that this election of the Wardens and Vestrymen be *by ballot* —possibly a different mode of voting may not be in contravention of the act; but an election *by ballot* will be, beyond question, within the contemplation of the act.

The polls *must* continue open for one hour, and *may* be continued open longer, in the discretion of the presiding officer; and *must* be continued open longer if required by the vote of a majority of the voters present.

Before the polls are closed two discreet persons, members of the congregation, should be called to assist the presiding officer in counting the votes, in order that they may join in the certificate. It is advisable that they be persons qualified to vote at the meeting—they may either be named by the presiding officer or be designated by the meeting.

An entry of the proceedings of the meeting, step by step, should be carefully made on the minutes; and it is recommended that this entry be signed by the presiding officer, and by the two persons who are to join with him in signing the Certificate of Incorporation; and be also attested by the Secretary. If this be done, and any accident happen to the certificate, or it should prove imperfect, a new certificate may be made without calling another meeting of the congregation.

After the polls are closed, and the proceedings of the meeting are completed, the presiding officer, together with two other persons (who should be of those present, and taking part in and cognizant of the proceedings of the meeting) must then make out a certificate under their hands and seals, setting forth—

I. The names of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen elected.

These names should be written out in full; not by the mere initials of the Christian name.

II. The day in Easter Week fixed for the annual election of their successors.

III. The number of Vestrymen (not less than four, nor more than eight) determined upon to be annually elected to constitute part of the Vestry.

IV. The name or title by which the Church or congregation shall be known in law.

A form for this certificate is suggested, and accompanies these instructions, marked D.

The seals to be attached to the certificate must be of wax, or wafer, or other material capable of receiving an impression, and constituting what is ordinarily known as a "seal" to deeds, &c., in the State; not unfrequently use is made of the scroll, [L. S.,] which is not sufficient, and does not answer the legal requirement of "a seal" in this State.

The certificate thus made out, and signed and sealed, must be duly acknowledged by the parties signing and sealing the same, or the execution and acknowledgment thereof must be duly proven before some officer authorized to take the acknowledgment or proof of deeds or conveyances of real estate, to be recorded in the county where the Church or place of worship is situate.

The proper United States internal revenue stamp must be affixed, which, *at present* [*May*, 1868,] is a five cent stamp.

Being thus signed, sealed, acknowledged or proven, and stamped, the certificate must be recorded by the Clerk of the County, *or* by the officer whose duty it is,

or may hereafter be made, to record such instruments in the County in which the Church is situate.

In New York, Kings and Westchester Counties, these certificates are to be recorded in the office of the *Register;* possibly a similar office may hereafter be created in other Counties; and it will be important in all cases to see whether the duty of recording such instruments has been transferred to any other officer than the County Clerk.

IV. REMARKS.

Canon IV. of this Diocese, (as amended, November, 1867,) requires that a Church or congregation, applying for admission into union with the Church in this Diocese, shall produce "a certificate of the Bishop, or, in case of his absence, or of his inability or disability to act, or if a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the Standing Committee, that he or they approve of the incorporation of said Church, and that said Church, in his or their judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established."

Although the latter part of this certificate could not be given previous to the incorporation, it is advisable in all cases to be assured of the approval of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese before proceeding to incorporation.

In case the new Church is formed within the Parochial limits of any existing Parish or Cure, the consent of the Minister of the Parish or Cure within which the proposed new Church is to be established, or, in his absence, the consent of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen, or Trustees of the congregation, or a majority of them, is required by Clause I., Section VI., Canon XII., Title I., of the General Convention, to a Minister's officiating within said Parish, with a view to such incorporation. Such consent should, in all cases, be applied for. If it cannot be obtained, the establishment of new Churches or congregations within the limits of other Parishes is vested in the Bishop of the Diocese, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.—(Clause 2, Section II., Canon V., Title III., of the General Convention.) If there be no Bishop, this power is in the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese.

It must be remembered that the corporation dates its existence *from the recording of the certificate;* and this must be an authenticated recording in accordance with laws. An instrument may be transcribed and copied into the books of the proper office, and yet not be legally recorded; the absence of a stamp, if the law makes one necessary to the recording, or a material defect in the certificate of acknowledgment or proof of execution, will prevent its being a legal recording.

A.

FORM OF NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING A CHURCH OR CONGREGATION.

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of male persons, of full age, belonging to the Church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, now worshipping in [*the School House of School District Number Three,* (3,) *in the Town of Canton, in the County of St. Lawrence, in the State of New York,*] who are not already incorporated, will be held at the usual place of worship of said Church or congregation, namely, at [*the School House of School District Number Three,* (3,) *in the Town of Canton, in the County of St. Lawrence, in the State of New York,*] on [*Tuesday*] the [*second*]

day of [*June next,*] at [*eight*] o'clock in the [*after*] noon, for the purpose of incorporating themselves as a Religious Society, in connection with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, under the acts of the Legislature of the State of New York.

Dated at [*Canton,*] the [17*th*] day of [*May*] 186 [8.]

[*If there be a Rector, to be signed thus:*

John Doddridge,
Rector.]

[*If there be no Rector, but an Officiating Minister, then to be signed thus:*
John Hobart, Officiating Minister.]

[*If there be neither Rector nor Officiating Minister, then to be signed thus:*
Henry Stiles,

Belonging to said Church or Congregation, there being no Rector or Officiating Minister thereof.]

NOTE.—This notice should be signed by the Rector, if there be one; or, by the Officiating Minister, if there be no Rector. If there be neither Rector nor Officiating Minister, let it be signed by some discreet person "belonging to the Church or congregation." The person signing it should read it in the time of Morning Service, publicly, to the congregation, on the two Sundays next previous to the time of meeting, and should also post it as above directed.

B.

FORM OF AFFIDAVIT TO BE MADE OF THE READING AND POSTING OF THE NOTICE.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
County of [*St. Lawrence,*] } ss.

[*John Doddridge,*] of the town of [*Canton,*] County of [*St. Lawrence.*] and State of New York, being duly sworn, saith, that he* [*is the Rector of*] the Church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, worshipping [in the School House of School District Number Three, (3,) in the town of Canton, in the Bounty of St. Lawrence and State of New York,]

That this deponent did publicly read to the said congregation the preceding notice, in the time of Morning Service, on two Sundays next previous to the [*second*] day of [*June,*] one thousand eight hundred and [*sixty-eight,*] (which was the time named for the meeting mentioned in such notice,) to wit, on Sunday, the [*seventeenth*] day of [*May,*] and on Sunday, the [*twenty-fourth*] day of [*May,*] in the year one thousand eight hundred and [*sixty-eight.*]

And this deponent further saith, that he also posted a copy of the said notice in a conspicuous place on the outside door, near the main entrance of the said [*School House,*] being the usual place of worship of the said Church or congregation.

And further he saith not.

[*John Doddridge.*]

Sworn the day of }
1868, before me. }

* If the party making the affidavit be not Rector, but Officiating Minister, he will so state. If he be neither Rector nor Officiating Minister, he will then say, "belongs to."

C.

FORM OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING THE CHURCH.

County of [*St. Lawrence,*] }
Town of [*Canton.*] }

On this [second] day of [June,] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight,] the male persons of full age belonging to the Church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, now worshipping in [the School House of School District Number Three, (3,) in the town of Canton, in the County of St. Lawrence, in the State of New York,] not already incorporated, met at their usual place of worship, namely, the [School House] aforesaid, at [eight] o'clock in the [after] noon, for the purpose of incorporating themselves under the acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, pursuant to notice of such meeting, specifying its object, and the time and place thereof, which had been publicly read in the time of Morning Service, on two Sundays next previous thereto, by [*the Reverend John Doddridge, the Rector of] the said Church or congregation; and which notice had also been posted in a conspicuous place, on the outside door, near the main entrance to the said place of worship.

At such meeting the following male persons, belonging to the said Church or congregation, not already incorporated, were present:

[Here insert the names, giving the Christian names at length. There must not be less than six, qualified to vote as prescribed in the act.]

[† The Reverend John Doddridge, being the Rector of the Church or congregation, presided at the meeting.]

Mr. E——— F——— was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The notice of the meeting was then read, a copy of which notice is subjoined to these minutes, together with an affidavit made by [the Reverend John Doddridge] that the same was publicly read in the time of Morning Service, on two Sundays now last past; and that a copy thereof was also posted in a conspicuous place, on the outside door, near the main entrance to the place of worship of the said congregation.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That the persons thus convened and met do incorporate themselves as a Religious Society, or Church or congregation, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, under the acts of the Legislature of said State for that purpose.

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* (Or) the Rev. John Hobart, the Officiating Minister; (or) by Mr. Henry Stiles, who belongs to.

† If there be a Rector, who was [necessarily] absent, say "the Reverend John Doddridge, the Rector, being necessarily absent by reason of illness, (or whatever may be the cause,) Mr. A. B. was called to the chair and presided at the meeting."

If there be no Rector, then say, "there being no Rector, Mr. A. B., one of the Church wardens, (or) Vestrymen, as the fact may be, (or) Mr. C. D., was called to the chair and presided at the meeting.

The act does not, in terms, require that the person called to the chair to preside in case there be no Rector, or the Rector be necessarily absent, should be a Warden or Vestryman; but if there be one present, it is [recommended] to call him to the chair.

And the persons so convened and met, and qualified as aforesaid, did, at such meeting, upon motion, by a majority of votes, determine as follows:

First.—That the said Church or congregation shall be known in law by the name of [The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. Mark's Church, in the Town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, and State of New York.]

Second.—That the annual election for Churchwardens and Vestrymen shall hereafter take place on [Tuesday] in Easter Week, in each year.

Third.—That [six] Vestrymen shall annually be elected, and shall, together with the Rector (when there is one) and the two Churchwardens, constitute the Vestry of the Church.

The meeting then proceeded to elect two Churchwardens and [six] Vestrymen. The presiding officer received the votes, and the polls continued open for one hour.

[Thomas Jones and William Smith] were named to assist the presiding officer in counting the votes.

The following named persons were, by a majority of votes, duly elected Churchwardens and Vestrymen, to serve until the next regular election, viz:

G. H., I. K.,	Were elected Churchwardens.
L. M., N. O., P. R., S. T., U. V., W.X.,	Were elected Vestrymen.

A Certificate of Incorporation was then signed and sealed by [the Reverend John Doddridge,] the Presiding officer, and by the said [Thomas Jones and William Smith,] and witnessed by [Peter Wilson and John Johnson.]

The meeting then adjourned.

[*John Doddridge,*]
[*Thomas Jones,*]
[*William Smith.*]

Attested by
[*E*——— *F*———,] *Secretary.*

(Copy the notice read and posted.)

[FORM A.]

(Copy the affidavit of reading and posting the notice.)

[FORM B.]

D.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

To all whom these presents shall concern:

{U. S. Internal Revenue Stamp.} We, the undersigned, whose names and seals are affixed to this instrument, do hereby certify, that on the [second] day of [June,] in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight,] the male

persons, of full age, belonging to the Church or congregation in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, worshipping in [the School House of School District Number three, (3,) in the Town of Canton, in the County of St. Lawrence, in the State of New York,] not already incorporated, met at their usual place of worship aforesaid, for the purpose of incorporating themselves under the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, to provide for the incorporation of religious societies, and the act to amend the same, in pursuance of notice duly given, specifying the object of the meeting, and the time and place thereof, which had been publicly read in the time of morning service, on two Sundays next previous to such meeting, by* [the Rector,] and which was also posted in a conspicuous place on the outside door, near the main entrance to the usual place of worship of the said congregation.

And we further certify, that at such meeting, not less than six male persons, of full age, belonging to the Church or congregation aforesaid, and not already incorporated, and duly qualified to vote at such meeting, met for the purpose aforesaid.

And we further certify, that † [the Rev. John Doddridge, the Rector of the said Church or congregation,] presided at the said meeting, and received the votes.

And we further certify, that at the said meeting the following persons were elected Churchwardens and Vestrymen by a majority of votes of the persons present at the said meeting qualified to vote, viz:

} Were elected Churchwardens.

} Were elected Vestrymen.

And we further certify, that by a majority of the votes of the persons present and qualified as aforesaid, [Tuesday] in Easter week was fixed and determined for the annual election of the successors of the said Churchwardens and Vestrymen.

And that the number of Vestrymen determined upon to be annually elected to constitute part of the Vestry was [six.]

And that it was in like manner determined that the said Church or congregation shall be known in law by the name of [the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. Mark's Church, in the town of Canton, County of St. Lawrence, and State of New York.]

* [Or,] by the Officiating Minister; [or,] by Samuel Richards, belonging to the said Church or congregation.

† [Or,] the Reverend John Doddridge, the Rector of the said Church or congregation, being necessarily absent by reason of illness, (or whatever may be the cause,) Mr. Theodore Stiles was called to the chair; and, or, there being no Rector, Mr. Henry Osborn, one of the Churchwardens; (or, Vestrymen,) (or, Mr. Charles Livingston,) was called to the chair, and

In testimony whereof, we, the said [John Doddridge], who was the presiding officer at the said meeting, and [Thomas Jones and William Smith], who were present, and witnessed the proceedings, and were selected and named to sign and seal this certificate, have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seals, the [second] day of [June], in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight.]

[*John Doddridge,*] [SEAL.]
[*Thomas Jones,*] [SEAL.]
[*William Smith.*] [SEAL.]

Signed and sealed in presence of
[*Samuel Usher.*]
[*Benjamin Clarkson.*]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT WHEN THE INSTRUMENT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE PARTIES WHO HAVE SIGNED AND SEALED IT BEFORE AN OFFICER TO WHOM THEY ARE PERSONALLY KNOWN.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
County of [*St. Lawrence,*] } ss.:

I certify, that on this [third] day of [June], one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight], before me, in the town of [Canton], in the county aforesaid, came [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones and William Smith], severally known to me to be the individuals of those names respectively, described in, and who have executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

[*Philip Sutherland,*
Justice of the Peace in the Town of Canton,
County of St. Lawrence.]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT WHERE THE INSTRUMENT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE PARTIES WHO EXECUTED IT, BEFORE AN OFFICER TO WHOM THEY ARE NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
County of [*St. Lawrence,*] } ss.:

I certify, that on this [third] day of June], one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight,] before me, in the Town of [Canton], in the County aforesaid, came [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones, William Smith and Silas W. Elderkin ;] and the said [Silas W. Elderkin] being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in the Village of [Canton], in the County aforesaid; that he is personally acquainted with the said [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones and William Smith], the persons now present before me, and that he knows them to be the individuals of those names respectively, described in, and who have executed the foregoing certificate, which is to me satisfactory evidence that they are the individuals described in, and who have executed the said certificate; and thereupon the said [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones and William Smith] severally acknowledged to me that they had executed the same.

[*Philip Sutherland,*
Justice of the Peace in the Town of Canton,
County of St. Lawrence.]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF PROOF, WHERE THE EXECUTION OF THE INSTRUMENT IS PROVED BY A SUBSCRIBING WITNESS WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THE OFFICER TAKING THE PROOF.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
[*County of St. Lawrence,*] } ss.:

I certify, that on this [third] day of [June], one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight], before me, in the Town of [Canton], in the County aforesaid, came [Samuel Usher], known to me to be the subscribing witness of that name to the foregoing certificate, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in the Village of [Canton], in the County aforesaid; that he knows [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones and William Smith], the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate; that they severally executed the same, in his presence, and acknowledged to him that they executed the same, and that thereupon he subscribed his name as a witness thereto.

[*Philip Sutherland,*
Justice of the Peace in the Town of Canton,
County of St. Lawrence]

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF PROOF, WHERE THE EXECUTION OF THE INSTRUMENT IS PROVED BY A SUBSCRIBING WITNESS WHO IS NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN TO THE OFFICER TAKING THE PROOF.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
County of [*St. Lawrence.*] } ss.:

I certify, that on this [third] day of [June], one thousand eight hundred and [sixty-eight], before me, in the Town of Canton, in the County aforesaid, came [Samuel Usher and Wright Fine;] and the said [Wright Fine] being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, that he resides in the Village of [Canton], in the County aforesaid; that he is personally acquainted with the said [Samuel Usher], now present before me, and that he knows him to be the person of that name who is the subscribing witness to the foregoing certificate, which is to me satisfactory evidence that the said [Samuel Usher] is the same person who was a subscribing witness to the said instrument; and the said [Samuel Usher] being by me duly sworn, did depose and say, he resides in the Village of [Canton], in the County aforesaid; that he knows [John Doddridge, Thomas Jones and William Smith], the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate; that they severally executed the same in his presence, and acknowledged to him that they executed the same, and that thereupon he subscribed his name as a witness thereto.

[*Philip Sutherland,*
Justice of the Peace in the Town of Canton,
County of St. Lawrence.]

II.

ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CHURCHES APPLYING FOR ADMISSION INTO UNION WITH THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK.

Under Canon IV (on the admission of Churches into union with the Church of this Diocese), as amended at the Convention held in November, 1867, it is necssary for a Church applying to be admitted—

I. That it be duly incorporated.

II. That there have been not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church or congregation, habitually attending Divine Service in such Church or congregation, for at least one year preceding the application to be admitted.

III. That it have a corporate seal.

In order to be admitted, the Church or congregation must (in sufficient time to allow the papers to be transmitted to, and be received by the Secretary of the Convention at least thirty days before the meeting of the Convention) adopt a resolution, at a legally convened and held meeting of the Vestry, or (in the case of Churches incorporated without Vestries) of the congregation authorizing the application for such admission to be made, and agreeing to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention. A copy of this resolution must be duly certified by the presiding officer of the Vestry, or of the meeting of the congregation at which the resolution was adopted, and also by the Clerk of the Vestry, or Secretary of the meeting of the congregation, and must also be authenticated by the seal of the corporation.

In Churches having Vestries, this resolution should be adopted by the Vestry. In Churches incorporated without Vestries, it should be adopted by the congregation.

The following form of resolution is recommended:

Resolved, That [here set forth the corporate name or title by which the Church is known in law, as the same is described in the Certificate of Incorporation], desire admission into union with the Church in the Diocese of New York, and do make application therefor to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese; and do hereby agree to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention.

The resolution must be entered accurately and at length on the minutes of the Vestry, or of the meeting of the congregation, as the case may be.

The Canon requires an application, in writing, to the Convention, asking admission, which must then be made out. This may be signed by the Rector (if there be one), and by one or both of the Wardens, and by the Clerk of the Vestry; or, in the case of Churches without Vestries, by the Minister, or by the presiding officer of the meeting at which the resolution was adopted, and also by the Clerk of such meeting. It may also be advisable to add the signatures of one or more of the Trustees of the Church.

The following form of application is recommended:

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York:

The Church or congregation duly incorporated and known in law by the name of [here set forth the corporate name or title of the Church, as the same is described in the Certificate of Incorporation], in pursuance, and by authority of a resolution of the [Vestry, or congregation, as the case may be] of the said Church, hereby applies for admission into union with the Church in this Diocese; and presents herewith a duly certified and authenticated copy of the resolution of the said [Vestry, or congregation, as the case may be] adopted on the day of 186 , authorizing such application, and agreeing to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention. Also, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church (or, in case the original certificate is not presented, then say, "a duly certified copy

of the Certificate of the Incorporation of the Church"), which was duly recorded in the office of the (Clerk, or Register, as the case may be) of the county of on the day of 186 , in Book of Certificates of Religious Incorporations (or whatever may be the official designation of the books in which such certificates are recorded in the county in which such Church is located), page . Also, a certificate of the Bishop that he approves of the incorporation of such Church, and that such Church, in his judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established. And also, evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding the date of this application, attended Divine Service in such Chuch or congregation.

Dated at in the county of and State of New York, this day of 186

By order of the [Vestry, or congregation, as the case may be].

A. B., *Rector.*
C. D., *Warden.*
E. F., *do*
G. H., *Clerk.*

Or, in case of Churches having no Vestries:

A. B., *Minister.*
C. D., *Presiding officer of the Meeting of the Congregation.*
E. F., *Secretary of the meeting of the Congregation.*
G. H., *A Trustee of the Church.*
K. L., *do do*

The Canon also requires that the application be accompanied by the following papers:

I. A duly certified and authenticated copy of the resolution of the Vestry or congregation authorizing the application, &c.

II. The original, or a certified copy of the Certificate of Incorporation.

III. The certificate of the Bishop's approval of the incorporation, and that, in his judgment, the Church is duly and satisfactorily established.

IV. The evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding the date of the application, attended Divine Service in the Church or congregation.

The following is recommended as a form for certifying the resolution of the Vestry, or of the congregation:

At a meeting of the [Vestry, or congregation, as the case may be,] of the Church or congregation known as [here set forth the corporate name or title of the Church, as the same is described in the Certificate of Incorporation,] duly convened, and held according to law, at on the day of 186 , the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That [here copy, in the precise words, and at length, and accurately, the resolution as adopted and entered on the Minutes."]

Which is hereby certified by A. B., the Rector of the said Church, [or if there be no Rector, then C. D., the Warden, who presided at the meeting of the Vestry,

at which the resolution was adopted, there being no Rector of the said Church,] and also by E. F., the Clerk of the Vestry, and is also authenticated by the seal of the corporation.

Dated at in the County of the day of 186 .

A. B., *Rector.*

[SEAL.] [or] C. D., *Warden presiding.*

E. F., *Clerk of the Vestry.*

In the case of Churches having no Vestries, the certificate may be as follows:

Which is hereby certified by A. B., Minister of the Church, or C. D., the Presiding officer of the meeting of the congregation at which the resolution was adopted, and also by E. F., the Secretary of the said meeting, and is also authenticated by the seal of the corporation.

Dated, &c., (as above.)

A. B., *Minister.*

[or] C. D., *Presiding officer of the Meeting of the Congregation.*

[SEAL.]

E. F., *Secretary of the Meeting.*

The following is submitted (with the approval and authority of the Bishop) as the form for his certificate:

I do hereby certify, that I approve of the incorporation of a Church known as [here set forth the corporate name or title of the Church, as the same is described in the Certificate of Incorporation,] and that such Church, in my judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established.

Dated at the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

Bishop.

The following is recommended as a form for the presentation of the evidence of the number of persons habitually attending the Church:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify and declare, that we are, and for one year last past, have been connected with, or been members of, and well acquainted with the affairs and condition of the Church or congregation known as [here set forth the corporate name or title of the Church, as the same is deecribed in the Certificate of Incorporation,] and that we have had means of knowing, and do know, the number of persons habitually attending the said Church during one year past; and that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding this date, attended Divine Service in such Church or congregation.

Dated at in the County of the day of 186 .

This certificate should be signed by the Rector, or officiating Minister, if there be one, and by one or both of the Wardens, or by two or more of the Trustees (in the case of a Church incorporated without a Vestry), or by other known and reputable parties who can certify to the fact set forth.

The application, together with the requisite papers (as before set forth), must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention, at least thirty days before the meeting of the Convention.

The Canon (Section 2, Canon IV), expressly declares, that no application for the admission of a Church into "union with the Church in this Diocese, shall be "considered or acted upon at any meeting of the Convention, unless the same has "been transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention at least thirty days before "the meeting of the Convention."

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York:

The Church or congregation, duly incorporated, and known in law by the name of

in pursuance, and by authority of a reduction of the of the said Church, hereby applies for admission into Union with the Church in this Diocese, and presents herewith a duly certified and authenticated copy of the resolution of the said adopted on the day of 18 , authorizing such application, and agreeing to abide by and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention.

Also, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church, which was duly recorded in the office of the of the County of on the day of 18 in Book

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Also a certificate of the Bishop that he approves of the incorporation of such Church, and that such Church, in his judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established.

And also evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding the date of this application, attended Divine Service in such Church or congregation.

Dated at in the County of and State of New York, this day of 18

By order of the

AUTHENTICATED COPY OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION, &C.

At a meeting of the of the Church or congregation known as duly convened, and held according to law at on the day of 18 the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved,* That

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"

"desire admission into Union with the Church in the Diocese of New York, and do "make application therefor to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, and do "hereby agree to abide by, and conform to, and observe all the Canons of the 'Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention."

Which is hereby certified by

and by

and is also authenticated by the seal of the corporation.

Dated at in the County of the day of 18

CERTIFICATE OF THE BISHOP'S APPROVAL.

I hereby certify that I approve of the incorporation of a Church known as

and that such Church, in my judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established.

Dated at the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

Bishop.

EVIDENCE AS TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS HABITUALLY ATTENDING THE CHURCH.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify and declare, that we are, and for one year last past have been, connected with, or been members of, and well acquainted with the affairs and condition of the Church or congregation known as

and that we have had means of knowing, and do know, the number of persons habitually attending the said Church during one year past, and that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually for at least one year preceding this date, attended Divine Service in such Church or congregation.

Dated at in the County of day of 18

APPENDIX VI.

CHAPTER 398.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE OF THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

Passed April 28, 1869.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. William H. DeWitt, Harmon Pumpelly and John H. Van Antwerp, of the city of Albany, and Jonas C. Heartt and James Forsyth, of the city of Troy, and their successors, duly elected and appointed, in the manner hereafter prescribed, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable of taking and holding by gift, grant, devise or purchase (subject to all provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament), and of conveying such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary for the purpose of said corporation, provided the yearly value or income of the same shall not exceed the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The object of the said corporation shall be the management and care of the fund now provided, together with such property as may hereafter be contributed or acquired, and any accumulation accruing from the investment or income thereof for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Albany, and the appropriation of the income of said fund and property to that purpose, according to the directions to be from time to time given by the Convention of said Church in said Diocese.

SEC. 3. The said trustees shall be five in number, and shall hold their offices during the pleasure of said Convention; and all vacancies occurring in said trustees shall from time to time be filled by said Convention. The said trustees shall appoint a President, Secretary and Treasurer from their number. No act of said trustees shall be valid unless authorized by a resolution, adopted at a regular meeting of said trustees, by a majority of the same, and recorded by the Secretary, in a book to be kept as a record of their proceedings, which book shall be open to the inspection of said Convention.

SEC. 4. A statement of the proceedings of the said trustees, hereby incorporated, exhibiting the condition of the fund and property intrusted to their charge, together with their receipts and disbursements, shall be reported to each Annual Convention and signed by said trustees, or a majority of them.

SEC. 5. The said trustees shall have no power to dispose of any real estate which they may acquire under the powers given to them by this act, unless under the directions of the said Convention; and the said trustees shall conform to any instructions that shall be given to them by the said Convention touching the management of such real estate and the disposition of the same, and of the rents, issues and profits thereof, provided that such instructions shall be in writing, and shall be entered on the Journals of the said Convention.

SEC. 6. The provisions of title third of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes, shall apply to the corporation hereby created, so far as the same are applicable and have not been repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPENDIX VII.

—The following is a List of Churches of the Diocese of Albany, with the their admission into union with the Diocese. The dates earlier than 1869, ıe admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese of New York n Churches which were united with the Convention of the Diocese of in 1868.

› be observed that such dates are not always those of the origin or incor- of such Parishes.

rishes marked A existed under Royal Charter or otherwise, before the first ion of the Diocese of New York.

rishes marked B seem to have been admitted by the Conventions in which ›ectively appeared by their delegates, although mention of the admission d by the Journal.

Asterisk (*) denotes Churches not in union with the Convention of the ›f Albany.

ımes of Churches dependent in part on the Missionary Fund of the Dio- printed in italics.

List of Churches in the Diocese of Albany.

›unties.	Towns.	Churches and Chapels.	Admitted.
.....	Albany	Grace	1846
		Holy Innocents'.....	1850
		St. Paul's.....	1829
		St. Peter's.....	1787 A
		Trinity.....	1840
	Cohoes.....	St. John's.....	1831
	Green Island.....	St. Mark's.....	1867
	Rensselaerville.....	Trinity	1811
	South Westerlo.....	*Emmanuel*	1855
	West Troy.....	Trinity.....	1834
.....	*Centreville*	*St. Paul's*.....	1855
	Champlain	*St. John's*.....	1853
	**Chazy*.....	**St. Paul's*.....	
	Ellenburgh.....	*St. Peter's*.....	1855
	Plattsburgh	Trinity.....	1830
	Rouse's Point.....	Christ	1853
.....	*Claverack*.....	*Trinity*	1856
	**Clermont*.....	**St. Luke's*.....	
	Copake.....	*St. John's*.....	1853
	Hudson	Christ	1794 B
	Kinderhook	St. Paul's.....	1851
	Stockport.....	St. John's.....	1845
	Stottville.....	St. Barnabas.....	

ties.	Towns.	Churches and Chapels.	Admitted.
.....	*Bloomville*	*Grace*	1854
	Delhi	St. John's	1819
	**Deposit*	**Christ*	
	Franklin	St. Paul's	1866
	Hobart	St. Peter's	B
	Walton	*Christ*	1831
.....	**Boquet*	**St. John's Chapel*	
	Essex	*St. John's*	1853
	Keeseville	*St. Paul's*	1853
	Ticonderoga	*Of the Cross*	1840
.....	**Brush's Mills*	**St. Peter's*	
	**Gloversville*	**Trinity*	1831
	Malone	St. Mark's	
.....	Johnstown	St. John's	1796 A
	Northampton	*Redeemer*	1861
.....	*Athens*	*Trinity*	1806
	Cairo	*Calvary*	1832
	Catskill	St. Luke's	1802
	Coxsackie	*Christ*	1806
	Greenville	*Christ*	1825
	Oakhill	*St. Paul's*	1816
	Prattsville	*Grace*	1844
	Windham, (Ashland)	*Trinity*	1826 B
	Windham	*St. Paul's*	
.....	*Fairfield*	*Trinity*	1807
	Herkimer	*Christ*	1854
	**Ilion*	**St. Augustine's*	
	Little Falls	Emmanuel	1823
	Norway	*Grace*	1819
.....	*Amsterdam*	*St. Ann's*	1831 B
	Canajoharie	*St. Polycarp's*	1852
	Fonda	*Zion*	1867
.....	*Butternuts*	*Christ*	1834
	Cherry Valley	*Grace*	1846
	Cooperstown	Christ	1812
	Exeter	*St. John's*	1833 B
	Garrattsville	*St. Mark's*	1843
	Morris	Zion	1803 B
	Otego	*Immanuel*	1836
	Portlandville	*St. John's*	1869
	Richfield	*St. Luke's*	1803 B
	Richfield Springs	St. John's	1850
	Unadilla	St. Matthew's	1810
	West Burlington	*Christ*	
	Westford	*St. Timothy's*	1839
.....	*Greenbush*	*Messiah*	1853
	Hoosac Falls	St. Mark's	1840
	Lansingburgh	Trinity	1807 B
	Schaghticoke	*Trinity*	1846
	Troy	Christ	1837
		*Holy Cross	
		St. John's	1831
		St. Luke's	1867
		St. Paul's	1807 B
.....	Ballston Spa	Christ	1787
	Burnt Hills	*Calvary*	1850
	Charlton	*St. Paul's*	1805 B
	Mechanicsville	St. Luke's	1830 B
	Saratoga Springs	Bethesda	1830
	Schuylerville	*St. Stephen's*	1846
	Stillwater	St. John's	1796
	Waterford	Grace	1810
	West Charlton	St. Mary's	1820

Counties.	Towns.	Churches and Chapels.	Admitted.
Schenectady	Duanesburgh	Christ	1732
	Schenectady	Christ	1859
		St. George's	1792 B
Schoharie	*Middleburgh	*St. Luke's	
	Schoharie	*St. Andrew's*	1855
	*Sharon Springs	*Trinity Chapel	
St. Lawrence	Canton	Grace	1836
	Gouverneur	*Trinity*	1869
	**Lisbon*	**St. Luke's*	
	**Massena*	**Great Shepherd*	
	Morristown	*Christ*	1823
	Norfolk	*Grace*	1826
	Ogdensburgh	St. John's	1820
	Potsdam	Trinity	1835
	Waddington	*St. Paul's*	1824
	**Bolton*	**St. Sacrament*	
Warren	*Caldwell*	*St. James'*	1855
	Chester (Pottersville)	*Christ*	1845
	Glen's Falls	Messiah	1840
	**Harrisena*	**St. Paul's*	
	Luzerne	*St. Mary's*	1867
	Warrensburgh	*Holy Cross*	1865
Washington	*Cambridge*	*St. Luke's*	1867
	Fort Edward	St. James'	1845
	Granville	*Trinity*	1815
	Hampton	*Christ*	1813 B
	Salem	*St. Paul's*	1860
	Sandy Hill	Zion	1818
	Whitehall	St. Paul's	1838
		Trinity	1866

MISSION STATIONS AND CHAPELS

IN ADDITION TO THOSE ON THE ABOVE LIST.

Albany	Albany, St. Peter's, St. Paul's.
Essex	Wadham's Mills, Willsborough, Whallensburgh, Ausable Forks.
Herkimer	Newport, Middleville, Mohawk,
Otsego	Springfield, Schenevus, Oneonta, Laurens.
Rensselaer	Troy, St. John's. North Troy.
Saratoga	Conklinville.
St. Lawrence	Potsdam Junction, Barnhardt's Island, Madrid, Morley.

APPENDIX VIII.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MISSIONARY CONVOCATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

Article I.

This Body, being the ——— Missionary Convocation of the Diocese of Albany, comprising the counties of ———, shall be styled "The Convocation of ———."

Article II.

All Clergymen of the Church, residents in these counties, shall be considered members; and each Parish or Missionary Station therein shall be entitled to send a Lay delegation of not exceeding three members, which shall be entitled to one vote.

Article III.

Its object shall be to assist and further, under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Missionary work of the Church within its bounds; and for this design all its funds, after the payment of its necessary expenses, shall be used.

Article IV.

Its regular meetings shall be held on ——— of each year, at such places as the President, with the advice of the Bishop, shall appoint.

Article V.

At the regular meeting in ——— of each year, the Convocation shall nominate, for appointment by the Bishop, a President, whose duties shall be defined by him.

ARTICLE VI.

At the same meeting the Convocation shall elect a Secretary, who shall also be its Treasurer, and who shall present, at each ——— meeting, an account of all receipts and disbursements for the year previous.

ARTICLE VII.

At each stated meeting there shall be one or more public services, appropriate to the object of the Convocation, to be arranged by the incumbent of the Parish or Mission where it is held; and if there be no incumbent, then by the President, and an offertory made in aid of the funds of the Convocation.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended but at a regular meeting, and unless notice of the proposed change shall have been given at a regular meeting previous.

The following resolution has been adopted by the Convocations:

Resolved, That Lay Delegates may be elected at a meeting of the Congregation in any Parish or Mission, of which one public notice has been given on the Sunday previous; and that in this case the evidence entitling them to seats shall be a certificate signed by the presiding officer of such meeting.

NOTE.—The first Convocation meets on the last Wednesday of April and October.

The second Convocation meets on the Wednesday after the second Sundays of May and October.

The third Convocation meets at the call of the President, in February, May, August and November.

The fourth Convocation meets on the Wednesday after the second Sundays in June and December.

The fifth Convocation meets on the evening of the second Tuesdays in January and June.

APPEAL OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

DIOCESE OF ALBANY, *November* 6, *A. D.* 1869.

To the Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese of Albany:

DEARLY BELOVED—Having been charged by you with the administration of your missionary work during the coming year, we address ourselves to you in accordance with the requirements of the Canon, not so much as your agents, but rather as your fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of God.

We feel the need of facing fully the demands and duties of our position; of realizing the responsibilities and the resources of the Diocese; and of setting about our work with a clear sense of what we have to do, and what we have to do it with.

The present missionary field is distributed now over the five Convocations, which are now fully organized and have begun their work.

There are eighty-one Mission Stations, served by thirty-nine Missionaries, nine of the stations being vacant. The support of these is of course our first duty. But it by no means covers all we ought to do. The waste places in the Diocese outnumber altogether the points already reached. A reference to the annexed tables will show that there are one hundred and twenty-two townships in the Diocese, with over fifteen hundred inhabitants in each, where we have, as yet, no Stations at all.

The purpose of this paper is not, however, to interest the Diocese in these yet unreached points. The Convocations propose, for the present, to look after these by tentative services, held in them by the parochial and missionary Clergy, and the Board earnestly ask the coöperation of all the Clergy in this effort. We turn to the Churchmen of the Diocese for the means to sustain the work already undertaken.

For this we need thirteen thousand dollars, this year, in all.

So far as we know, we may expect three thousand dollars from the Diocese of New York, this year. One thousand more of unpaid pledges from the Primary Convention, and three thousand pledged at the last Convention, make our expectations seven thousand dollars. It will be safe for the Parishes to undertake, in addition to what is pledged already, an amount of seven thousand dollars this year. It is not the province of the Board to indicate the way in which this money shall be raised. It is of course far better to avoid the temporary expedients of pledges, subscription lists, etc. But if they are needed, until the *principle* of giving has become *a habit*, at least let the Clergy and people adopt some system and standard of giving, equal to our urgent want.

If an average of $1.50 a year were given by every Communicant in the Diocese, we should have twelve thousand dollars this year.

If every Parish in this Diocese would give to Diocesan purposes one-tenth of its offerings, one-half of which should go to our Missions, we should have had, last year, for our Mission work, twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

If all the members of the Church in the Diocese would fairly bring themselves, for this and all other giving, up to the Scriptural standard, the amount would be far larger. We are constrained to set before us, as the only sure and certain way of attaining our end, the Scriptural rule, of the weekly offertory. And if provision is not made for the weekly giving, as we hope one day it will be made, the people at least, rich and poor, can every one of them, "lay by him in store on the first day of the week, as God hath prospered him."

The Board of Missions is content to leave to every Clergyman the selection of the way in which the money is to be secured; though we urge upon the Clergy and Parishes the adoption of the weekly offertory as the Scriptural and Churchly, as well as the easy and practical way. But we earnestly call the attention of the Churchmen of the Diocese to the present need; that as they have laid upon us, who are their willing instruments, the burthen of this charge, so they will enable us to discharge our trust.

We venture also, now, in the beginning of our Conventional year, to ask a general offering throughout the Diocese, for the Diocesan Missions. The Advent Season is just upon us. It sets before us the great object for which we are all praying and working, the consummation of the Kingdom of Christ. In it comes the Ember Season, when the Clergy are especially in the people's prayers. Let your alms go up with your prayers, dearly beloved, as a memorial before God. In every Parish where it can be done, give us the offertory on the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Let this appeal, with its tabular statements, be read and distributed early in the Advent Season. And let the savings of the self-denial of this Advent-tide, either given through the offertory on the day appointed, or gathered as the Rector may prefer at the end of the season, be sent to the Treasurer of our Missionary work.

The responsibility and the resources are both ours, and ours may be the exceeding great reward. Let us, "with one mind, strive together for the faith of the Gospel," for "Woe is unto us if we preach" it "not" in these desolate districts; and there are those "of our own household" of faith, for whom we must provide.

By order of the Board of Missions.

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE,
Bishop of Albany and President of the Board.

GEORGE H. WALSH, *Secretary.*

TABLE

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF TOWNS WITHOUT MISSIONARIES OR CHURCHE IN EACH CONVOCATION; ALSO THE NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES, AN THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH COUNTY.

COUNTY.	POPULATION.							Number of Missionaries.	Appropriations.
	TOWNS WITHOUT CHURCHES.					Total uncared for.	Total partly cared for.		
	Of 4000	Of 3000	Of 2000	Of 1000	Under 1000				
CONVOCATION OF THE HUDSON AND MOHAWK.									
Albany	1	3	1	1	.....	20,370	95,134	2	$200
Greene	.....	.....	1	4	1	7,336	24,374	5	1,050
Columbia	1	.....	5	8	1	27,975	16,930	3	850
Herkimer	.....	.....	2	8	2	17,771	21,383	3	1,250
Total	2	3	9	21	4	73,452	157,821	13	3,300
CONVOCATION OF TROY.									
Rensselaer	1	2	5	4	.....	30,229	57,981	2	$200
Saratoga	1	1	4	8	.....	32,421	17,471	3	550
Washington	.....	3	4	1	3	24,712	21,532	4	1,500
Warren	.....	.....	1	2	3	7,309	13,819	6	900
Total	2	6	14	15	6	94,671	110,803	15	3,150
CONVOCATION OF OGDENSBURGH.									
Essex	1	.....	2	5	6	20,318	8,326	2	$850
Clinton	.....	3	1	4	.....	17,548	28,165	2	400
Franklin	.....	.....	3	7	5	20,550	8,025	2	750
St. Lawrence	.....	3	4	9	2	35,235	45,759	5	950
Total	1	6	10	25	13	93,651	90,275	11	2,950
CONVOCATION OF SCHENECTADY.									
Schenectady	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,066	16,822	.....	.....
Montgomery	2	.....	6	.....	.....	23,364	8,083	.....	.....
Fulton	.....	.....	3	2	2	10,574	14,038	4	$1,250
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	2,653	.....	.....
Total	2	.....	9	2	10	38,004	41,596	4	1,250
CONVOCATION OF THE SUSQUEHANNA.									
Otsego	.....	.....	5	5	1	19,916	28,700	5	$1,800
Schoharie	.....	3	3	9	.....	27,485	5,868	2	400
Delaware	.....	1	6	7	.....	29,458	12,190	2	300
Total	.....	4	14	21	1	76,859	46,758	9	2,500

APPENDIX IX.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE CONVENTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, &c.

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APPENDIX X.

STATEMENT

OF AMOUNTS PAID INTO THE DIOCESAN FUND BY THE CHURCHES NAMED BELOW.

Ballston, Christ Church	$16 00
Lansingburgh, Trinity Church	18 00
Schenectady, St. George's Church	22 50
Franklin, St. Paul's Church	12 00
Troy, St. Luke's Church	20 00
Hoosac, St. Mark's Church	20 00
Brush's Mills, Rev. Mr. Randall	4 50
Malone, St. Mark's Church	24 00
Little Falls, Emmanual Church	24 00
Sandy Hill, Zion Church	8 00
Fort Edward, St. James' Church	8 00
Herkimer, Christ Church	10 00
Troy, Holy Cross Church	20 00
Troy, Christ Church	32 00
Keesville, St. Paul's Church	12 00
Cooperstown, Christ Church	19 50
Portlandville, St. John's Church	1 50
Westford, St. Timothy's Church	1 50
Cherry Valley, Grace Church	14 00
Champlain, St. John's Church	5 25
Charlton, St. Paul's Church	8 55
Potsdam, Trinity Church	20 00
Salem, St. Paul's Church	8 25
Canton, Grace Church	14 00
Otego, Immanuel Church	5 00
Rev. Mr. Winkley	8 00
Rensselaerville, Trinity Church	10 00
Cohoes, St. John's Church	25 00
Morris, Zion Church	20 00
	$411 55

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APPENDIX XI.

STATISTICS OF THE DIOCESE, 1868–1869.

Area, 20,888 square miles; population, 823,780.

Clergymen canonically resident of the Diocese:

Bishop	1
Priests	80
Deacons	5
Total	86

Ordinations:

Priests	5	
Clergymen received from other Dioceses		18
Clergymen transferred to other Dioceses		6
Candidates for Holy Orders		9
Lay Readers Licensed		15
Churches Consecrated		11
Cemetery Consecrated		1
Corner Stones laid		4
New Parishes admitted into union with the Convention		3
Total number of Parishes in union		100
Parishes not in union		15
Mission Stations		20
Free Sittings		11,600
Parsonages		50
Parish Schools		6
Teachers		17
Pupils		423

Baptisms:

Adult	333	
Infant	1,052	
Not distinguished	35	
Total	1,420	
Confirmations		932

Communicants:

Admitted	762
Present number	7,887

Marriages .....
Burials .....
Sunday School Teachers or Catechists .....
Catechumens .....

OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Parochial purposes	$132,858 63
Diocesan	38,837 72
General	5,581 77
Miscellaneous	8,964 46
Total	$186,242 58

The foregoing statement is only approximately correct, the items not taken the Episcopal Address being derived mainly from the Reports of eighty Parishes and Mission Stations.

APPENDIX XII.

ADDENDA TO THE JOURNAL.

After the report of the Missionary Committee, on page 119, should be inserted as follows:

F. James Fitch, Esq., for the committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions, reported that the committee had agreed to name to the Convention for election as the Board of Missions for the ensuing year

From the First Convocation—The Rev. H. G. Wood, Herkimer; the Hon. Lyman Tremain, Albany.

From the Second Convocation—The Rev. Geo. H. Walsh, Troy, Secretary; Mr. B. P. Burhans, Warrensburgh.

From the Third Convocation—The Rev. James W. Stewart, Malone; Mr. Frederick Seeley, Plattsburgh.

From the Fourth Convocation—The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, Northampton; the Hon. R. H. Cushney, Fonda.

From the Fifth Convocation—The Rev. N. S. Rulison, Morris; Mr. A. C. Edgerton, Delhi.

On motion, election by ballot was dispensed with.

On motion, the gentlemen, nominated by the committee, were unanimously elected the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany.

On page 126, immediately after the Report of the Committee on the Bishop's Salary, should be added:

On motion, the Committee was continued.

[Attest,] J. H. HOBART BROWN,
Secretary.

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Constitution and Canons.

Diocese of Albany.

Constitution.

Article I.

Of the Members of the Convention.

The Diocese of Albany entrusts its legislation to a Convention, to consist as follows: First, of the Bishop, when there is one; of the Assistant Bishop, when there is one. Secondly, of all clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese for six months previous to the Convention, the restriction of time not to apply to rectors duly elected or missionaries duly appointed (provided that no clergyman suspended from the ministry shall have a seat); and thirdly, of lay delegations, consisting of not more than three deputies from each church in union with the Convention, who shall be communicants, and shall have been chosen by the vestry or congregation of the same.

Article II.

Of the Annual Meetings of the Convention.

The Convention shall assemble on the last Wednesday in September of each year, in such place as the Bishop shall appoint, giving fifteen days notice thereof. In case of his inability to act, the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall appoint the place; and, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint. The place of meeting may be changed for sufficient reason after having been appointed, provided that ten days notice of such change shall be given.

Article III.

Of Special Conventions.

The Bishop shall have power to call Special Conventions, giving thirty days notice thereof; and shall do so when requested by a vote of three-fourths of the Standing Committee. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a Special Convention, giving ninety days notice thereof.

Article IV.

Of the Opening Services of the Convention.

Every Convention shall be opened with Morning Prayer, a Sermon, and the Holy Communion; and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of his inability to act, or if there be no Bishop, by the Standing Committee.

Article V.

Of the Permanent Officers of the Diocese.

The permanent officers of the Diocese shall be: the Bishop of the Diocese (with right to preside, when present in Convention; and when there is an Assistant Bishop, he shall have right to preside in the absence of the Bishop), a Standing Committee, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar.

Article VI.

Of the Election of a Bishop.

When a Bishop or an Assistant Bishop is to be elected, the election shall be at the regular Annual Convention, or at a Special Convention duly called for that purpose; and such election shall require a majority of the votes of the clergymen and of the lay delegations entitled to seats in the Convention, each order voting separately.

Article VII.

Of the President of the Convention.

If there be no Bishop of the Diocese, or its *ex officio* presiding officer be absent, the Convention shall elect a President from among the clergy, by ballot (unless the ballot be dispensed with by unanimous vote).

Article VIII.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee shall consist of four clergymen and four laymen, to be elected by ballot at each Annual Convention, by a majority of the clergy and lay delegations present, and shall serve until the next Annual Convention and until a new election is made, the functions of which Committee, beside those provided for in the Canons of the General Convention, and in this Constitution, shall be determined by Canon or Resolution of the Convention. But vacancies in the Standing Committee may be filled by a majority of the votes of the remaining members until the next meeting of the Convention.

Article IX.

Of the Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar.

The Secretary shall be elected at each Annual Convention from the members thereof, by ballot, after nominations (unless the ballot be dispensed with by unanimous vote), and by a majority of the clergy and lay delegations present and he shall remain in office until his successor shall be elected. His duties shall be those required by the Canons, Resolutions and Rules of Order of the Convention.

The Treasurer and the Registrar shall be elected in a similar manner, and are not required to be members of the Convention. They shall remain in office until the next Annual Convention, and until their successors are elected.

Article X.

Of the Deliberations of the Convention, and of Votes.

The clergymen and laymen constituting the Convention shall deliberate in one body, and each clergyman shall have one vote, and each lay delegation one vote, and a majority of the aggregate votes shall be decisive, except in the cases provided for in Articles VI, IX and XI.

If five votes require a division, than the voting shall be by orders separately, and the concurrence of a majority of each order shall be necessary to make a decision. But no alteration of the Constitution or Canons shall be valid without

the concurrence of the Bishop and of a majority of the clergy and of a majority of the lay delegations; and the Bishop's concurrence shall be presumed unless the contrary be openly expressed by him to the Convention after the vote of the clergy and laity and before the adjournment *sine die*.

Article XI.

Of Altering the Constitution.

The mode of altering the Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition for an amendment shall be introduced in writing and considered in the Convention; and, if approved by a majority, shall lie over till the next Convention, and, if then approved by a two-thirds vote of the clergy and lay delegations present, with the Bishop's concurrence, the Constitution shall be changed accordingly.

Canons.

Canon I.

The List of the Clergymen in the Diocese.

Section 1. On the first day of each Convention, regular or special, the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee, shall present to the Convention a List of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective Parishes, or Stations as Missionaries or Chaplains, or of the Seminaries or Institutions in which they are occupied.

Sec. 2. It shall be in the power of the Convention to revise and correct this list according to the Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall record this list of names, thus approved, in a book to be provided by him, and kept in accordance with Sections i and ii of Canon 12 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention; and this record shall determine the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention.

Canon II.

Of the Lay Delegations, and the Right of Deputies to Seats.

Section 1. Lay Deputies from Churches having Vestries may be appointed by the Vestry at a regular meeting held according to law.

Or they may be appointed, in Churches having no Vestries, incorporated since April, 1813, or hereafter to be incorporated under any laws of the State of New York other than the general act for the incorporation of Religious Societies passed April, 1813, and its amendments, they shall be appointed, at a meeting of the congregation, of the time and place of which public notice shall have been given, during the time of Divine Service, on the two Sundays previous; the qualifications for voting at such meeting being the same as those required by the law of the State for voting at a Parish meeting to elect Wardens and Vestrymen.

Sec. 2. When Lay Deputies are elected by a Vestry, the evidence of their appointment shall be a certificate, signed by the Rector of the Church they are chosen to represent, and by the Clerk of the Vestry; and if there be no Rector, then the certificate shall state that fact, and shall be signed instead by the Warden presiding, and by the Clerk of the Vestry. The certificate must state the time and place of the election; must show upon its face that the appointment has been made in accordance with all the requirements of the Canons; and shall certify that the Deputy is a communicant of the Church, and entitled to vote at a meeting of the congregation held according to law.

When Lay Deputies are elected by the congregation of any Church, the evidence of their appointment shall be a certificate, signed by the Rector or Minister having charge of said Church, and by the Secretary of the meeting; or, if there be no such Rector or Minister, then the certificate shall state that fact, and shall be signed instead by the officer legally presiding at such meeting, and by the Secretary of the same. The certificate shall state the time and place of the election, and must show that the appointment has been made in accordance with all the requirements of the Canons; and must certify that each

Deputy chosen is a communicant of the Church, and either that he is entitled to vote at a meeting of the congregation held according to law, or that he has belonged for twelve months to the congregation he is chosen to represent.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Convention, when he shall send to any Church or Parish the required notice of the time and place of meeting of any Convention to be held, shall transmit with the same a copy of the first and second sections of this Canon, and blank printed forms of certificates of appointment of Lay Deputies.

Canon III.

Organization of the Convention.

Section 1. If the *ex officio* presiding officer be not present at the opening of the Convention, the Secretary shall call the members present to order; then the senior Presbyter present, who is a member of the Convention, shall take the chair, and shall preside until a President is elected as provided by Article VII of the Constitution.

Sec. 2. The Secretary shall then call the names of the Clergy entitled to seats, as contained in the list presented by the Bishop, or the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. He shall then call the Churches entitled to send Delegations, when the Lay Deputies shall present their certificates, which shall be examined by the Secretary, and a committee of two members appointed by the presiding officer. Irregular or defective certificates, and certificates and documents referring to contested seats, shall be temporarily laid aside. The names of the Lay Deputies duly appointed shall then be called, after which the certificates and documents laid aside shall be reported to the Convention, which shall decide upon the admission of the Deputies named therein.

Sec. 4. If twenty Clergymen entitled to vote, and twenty Lay Delegations be present, they shall constitute a quorum; and the presiding officer *ex officio* shall declare the Convention duly organized. The same number of Clergymen and of Lay Delegations shall, at any time, be necessary for the transaction of business, except that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Sec. 5. If the presiding officer *ex officio* be not present before the Convention is declared to be organized, the temporary Chairman shall direct that the members proceed to vote for a President, according to Article VII of the Constitution, who, when elected, and taking the Chair, shall declare the Convention organized for business.

Sec. 6. The Convention shall then proceed to the election of a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Registrar, according to the Constitution. The Secretary may appoint an Assistant Secretary, also any other assistants he may require, announcing their names to the Convention.

Sec. 7. Any system of Rules of Order which shall have been previously adopted or sanctioned in the Convention, except such as prescribe the mode of altering the same, shall be in force until changed by the Convention, after having been duly organized.

Canon IV.

Of the Admission of a Church into Union with the Church in this Diocese, and Maintaining such Union.

Section 1. Every Church or congregation desiring admission into Union with the Church in this Diocese, shall present a written application therefor to the

Convention, together with a copy of the resolution of the Vestry, or of the congregation authorizing such application; in which resolution the said Church, by its Vestry or congregation, shall agree to abide by, and conform to, and observe, all the Canons of the Church, and all the rules, orders and regulations of the Convention; which copy shall be duly certified by the presiding officer of the Vestry, or of the meeting of the Congregation at which the resolution was adopted, and also by the Clerk of the Vestry or Secretary of the meeting; and shall be authenticated by the seal of the Corporation.

The said application shall also be accompanied by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Church, duly recorded, or a copy thereof certified by the officer, whose duty it may be to record or file the same; and also, by a Certificate of the Bishop (or, in case of his absence, or of his inability or disability to act, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate) of the Standing Committee, that he or they approve of the Incorporation of such Church, and that such Church, in his or their judgment, is duly and satisfactorily established; and every Church or congregation applying for admission, shall produce satisfactory evidence that not less than twenty-five persons, members of such Church, have habitually, for at least one year preceding such application, attended divine service in such Church or congregation.

Sec. 2. No application for the admission of a Church into union with the Church in this Diocese shall be considered or acted upon, at any meeting of the Convention, unless the same has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention at least thirty days before the meeting of the Convention.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, at least twenty days before the meeting of the Convention, to deliver to a Committee, to be annually appointed (to be called the Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches), all applications for admission into union which shall have been received by him, to be by such Committee examined, considered and reported upon to the Convention.

Sec. 3. Whenever hereafter any Church in union with this Convention shall neglect, for three years in succession, to make a Parochial Report, no Missionary report being made on its behalf, and shall not, during the same period, have employed a Clergyman as its Parish Minister, nor requested of the Ecclesiastical authority to have the services of a Missionary, such Church shall be regarded as having forfeited its connection with the Convention, and shall no longer have a right to send a delegation to the same.

The Bishop shall report such Church to the Convention in his Annual Address.

Such Church, however, may be re-admitted, upon application to the Convention, accompanied by a report of its condition, and on such terms as shall appear just; such re-admission to take effect from and after the rising of the Convention consenting to such admission.

Canon V.

Of the Secretary of the Convention.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take and keep the Minutes of the proceedings of the Convention, to attest its public acts, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relating to the business and concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession or

under his control. It shall also be his duty to send a printed notice to each Minister, and to each Vestry or Congregation, of the time and place appointed for the meetings of each succeeding Convention, and to publish a notice of the meeting in three of the public papers published in the Diocese of Albany, and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Convention.

Sec. 2. He shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Secretary of the last House of Clerical and Lay Deputies in the General Convention, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the Journal of the Convention; and shall request the last to send copies of their respective Journals in exchange.

Sec. 3. He shall also transmit to every General Convention, in addition to the documents mentioned in Section iii of Canon 15 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, a certificate, to be signed by himself, containing a list of the Clergymen in this Diocese, and the amount of funds paid or secured to be paid (distinguishing them) to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of Trustees of that Seminary; and also a like certificate of the appointment of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Sec. 4. Any expense incurred by a compliance with this Canon shall be paid out of the Diocesan Fund.

Sec. 5. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Assistant Secretary, if there be one; if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

Sec. 6. Whenever, under the provisions of the Constitution, a Special Convention is called for any particular purpose, it shall be the duty of the Secretary, in the notice thereof, to specify such purpose.

Sec. 7. The Secretary of the Convention shall record, in a book to be provided by him, all certificates that shall be transmitted to him, in accordance with Sections i and ii of Canon 12 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention. And in case of a contested right to a seat in the Convention of any clergyman who shall have been elected to any Church or Parish in this Diocese after the passage of this Canon, the evidence of settlement shall consist in the said record; or in the production to the Convention of the certificate required by the said Canon, together with a certificate of the Bishop, or of the Standing Committee, of his or their being satisfied that the person so chosen is a qualified Minister of this Church. Which certificate, if not previously recorded, shall thereupon be recorded by the Secretary in the aforesaid book.

Canon VI.

Of the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated.

He shall report, at each annual meeting of the Convention, the names of the parishes which have failed to make the required contributions to any of the Diocesan funds, specifying the funds to which they have failed to contribute, and the amount of such deficiency.

Sec. 2. His accounts shall be rendered annually to the Convention, and shall be examined by a committee acting under its authority.

Sec. 3. If a Treasurer of the Convention shall die or resign his office, the Standing Committee shall appoint a Treasurer *ad interim*, to continue in office until an election is made by the Convention.

Canon VII.

Of the Registrar.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to collect and preserve all documents and papers pertaining to the Diocese; and also to collect and preserve the Journals and public documents of other Diocesan Conventions and of the General Convention, and of such pamphlets and publications connected with the Church at large as he may be able to collect, to become the property of the Convention, and to prepare annually a summary of Diocesan work, to be known as "The Annals of the Diocese," and to be published in the Appendix of the Journal.

Canon VIII

Of Parish Registers and Parochial Reports.

Whereas, by Section v of Canon 12 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, it is made the duty of each Clergyman of this Church to keep a Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages and Funerals within his Cure, agreeably to such rules as may be provided by the Convention of the Diocese where his Cure lies; it is hereby ordered, that,

Section 1. The record shall specify the name and the time of the birth of the child or adult baptized, with the name of the parents and sponsors, or witnesses the names of parties married, their age, birthplace and residences—also the names of at least two witnesses; the names of the persons buried, and their ages; and also the time when each rite was performed. These Registers shall be kept by the Minister in a book to be provided for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church; which book shall be the Parish Register, and shall be preserved by the Vestry, or by the clerk in organized missions, as a part of the records of the Church.

The list of communicants shall embrace all within his Cure, as nearly as can be ascertained, and he shall also keep a list of the families and adult persons in his Cure, as far as practicable; and also an accurate list of the persons confirmed from time to time by the Bishop.

Sec. 2. And whereas, by Section i of Canon 15 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, every minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, when there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals, and of the number of communicants in his Parish or Church; also the state and condition of Sunday-schools in his Parish; and also the amount of communion alms, the contributions for missions, diocesan, domestic and foreign, for parochial schools, for church purposes in general, and all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; it is hereby further ordered that, in reporting the number of communicants, he shall distinguish the additions, removals and deaths since the last report; and that, in reporting the "contributions for Church purposes in general," he shall include the amount

eceived for sittings in the Church and moneys raised for all Church and Parish urposes, other than those enumerated in this section.

Sec. 3. In every case where a Parish is destitute of a Minister, the Register ontemplated by this Canon shall be kept by some person appointed by the 'estry or Missionary or Trustees for that purpose; and the annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop by the Wardens or Trustees of the Parish.

Canon IX.

Of Preparing a Report on the State of the Church.

Whereas, by Section v of Canon 15 of Title I. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, "it is recommended that the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church in every Diocese prepare a condensed report and a tabular view of he state of the Church in their Diocese, previously to the meeting of every General Convention, for the purpose of aiding the Committee on the State of the Church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, in drafting their eport;" therefore a Committee of the Convention of this Diocese shall be ppointed by the Bishop, at the stated meeting of the same, next before every tated meeting of the General Convention, to assist him in preparing a report f the state of the Church in this Diocese.

Canon X.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

Section 1. The Convention shall, at each second regular annual meeting next ucceeding a stated meeting of the General Convention, elect, by the concurrent allot of the Clerical and Lay members, four Clergymen and four Laymen, to ct as Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention. It shall also, in ike manner, elect four Clergymen and four Laymen as Provisional Deputies, to ct in the case hereinafter mentioned; which Deputies and Provisional Deputies shall hold their respective stations until successors are appointed, and shall e Deputies, or Provisional Deputies, for any General Convention which may e held during their continuance in office.

Sec. 2. Should a vacancy occur by resignation, removal from the Diocese, leath, or otherwise, among the Deputies or Provisional Deputies, between the tated times of election, the vacancy shall be supplied by any Convention, luring or prior to which such vacancy shall occur.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Deputies elect to signify to the Bishop, at east ten days before the meeting of the General Convention, their acceptance f the appointment, and their intention to perform its duties; in default of which he Bishop shall designate, from the list of Provisional Deputies, so many as nay be necessary to insure, as far as practicable, a full representation of the Diocese. And the Bishop shall, in like manner, designate, from the same list f Provisional Deputies, one or more, as the case may be, to supply any leficiency in the representation of this Diocese which may in any way occur. And the person or persons so designated by the Bishop, being furnished with certificate thereof, shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly lected by the Convention.

Sec. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or the inability of the Bishop to act, the power conferred upon the Bishop by this Canon shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

Canon XI.

Of the Standing Committee.

The authority and duties of the Standing Committee, over and above those given and prescribed by Canon 2 of Title III. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, and by the Constitution of the Convention of the Diocese of Albany, are further defined in this Canon, to wit:

Section 1. If there be no Bishop or Assistant Bishop, or in case of the inability or disability of both, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are or may be specially delegated to, or enjoined upon, the Clerical members of said Committee; in which cases, such powers and duties shall be exercised by said Clerical members alone; provided, that no sentence shall be pronounced on a Clergyman but by a Bishop.

Sec. 2. The record of all proceedings upon a presentment of a Clergyman, shall be preserved by the Standing Committee.

Sec. 3. The Standing Committee shall make a full report of all their proceedings at every Annual Convention.

Canon XII.

Of Vacant Parishes.

Section 1. Whenever a Parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry or Trustees to give immediate notice thereof to the Bishop.

Sec. 2. The Bishop shall appoint those of the Clergy in the Diocese who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant Parishes as have been reported to him, at such times as may be deemed convenient and proper. And, at every Convention, the Clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the Parishes which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant Parishes thus supplied to defray all the expenses incident to such occasional services.

Canon XIII.

Concerning Elections.

Elections by ballot, when required by these Canons, may be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Convention. And when an election is by ballot, a majority of the votes in each order shall be necessary to a valid election.

Canon XIV.

Of the Episcopal Fund.

Section 1. The fund for the support of the Episcopate in this Diocese, now provided, together with that which may be hereafter contributed or acquired, and any accumulation accruing from the investment thereof, shall be entrusted to the Corporation entitled "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany," incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of

lew York, passed May, 1869. The Trustees composing said Corporation shall e five in number, who shall be appointed by, and shall hold their offices during ıe pleasure of the Convention, and all vacancies occurring in their numbers hall be filled up by the Convention.

Sec. 2. All moneys belonging to the said fund shall be loaned by the said 'rustees upon security of real estate, or invested in stock of the United States, r of this State, or of the City of New York, at their discretion; and all secuities and investments shall be taken or made in their corporate name above ıentioned, and they shall have power, from time to time, to change such investıents. A statement, exhibiting the condition of said fund and securities, shall e reported to the Convention at every annual meeting thereof, signed by the Trustees, or a majority of them.

Canon XV.

Of the Diocesan Fund.

Section 1. Whereas, it is indispensable to provide a fund for defraying the ıecessary expenses of the Convention, and particularly the expenses of those of he Clergy who may have to travel from a distance to the Convention; it is ıereby required of every congregation in this Diocese to pay to the Treasurer f the Convention, on or before the day of its annual meeting, a contribution of ıot less than two per cent on the amount of the salary of its Clergyman. Which ınd shall, from time to time, be appropriated, in part, by a Committee of the Convention, to the purposes above mentioned.

Sec. 2. And whereas, by Section v of Canon 1 of Title III. of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention, it is made the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, at each ıeeting of the same, three dollars for each Clergyman within the Diocese, for ıe purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the said Convention; therere, it shall be the duty of the Committee appointed to appropriate the moneys aid in to the Diocesan Fund, to retain annually out of such moneys one dollar r each Clergyman in this Diocese. The moneys thus arising shall be paid to ıe Treasurer of the Convention, to be by him paid over to the Treasurer of ıe General Convention at each meeting of the same.

Canon XVI.

Of the Missions of the Diocese.

The Church in this Diocese, acknowledging her responsibility in common with ıe whole Church for the fulfillment of the charge of our Lord to preach the ospel to every creature, and her special obligation to extend the Church ıroughout the Diocese, in order to the discharge of these duties, enacts the llowing provisions:

Section 1. The Diocesan Missionary Society of Albany is composed of all ıe members of the Church in this Diocese; but shall be, for all purposes of ansacting business, represented by the Bishop and the Clerical and Lay Iembers of the Diocesan Convention.

Sec. 2. The Society shall hold its annual meeting at the place of the meeting the annual Convention of the Diocese, and on the evening of the first day its session, the Bishop presiding, if there be one; the Secretary of the Con-

vention being its Secretary; and the members of the Convention, Clerical and Lay, a quorum being present, shall be competent to transact its business. At this meeting, after the reading of the Missionary reports, the Board of Missions for the coming year shall be elected, as hereafter provided, and Missionary addresses shall be made.

Sec. 3. The Board of Missions shall be elected by ballot, and shall consist of ten members, to wit: of one Clergyman and one Layman from each Missionary district hereafter described, and of one Clergyman and one Layman from the Diocese at large; all of whom shall be members of the Church, and actually resident in the Missionary district they are chosen to represent. The clergymen to be canonically resident of the Diocese.

Sec. 4. The Diocese shall comprise four Missionary districts: The first to consist of the counties of Albany, Greene, Schenectady, Montgomery, Fulton, Hamilton and Herkimer; the second to consist of the counties of Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Washington and Warren; the third to consist of the counties of Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie; and the fourth to consist of the counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex.

These Missionary Districts shall be represented by Convocations, each to be composed of the Clergymen residing within its limits, and of Laymen, not exceeding three in number, chosen in each Parish and Missionary station by the Vestry or congregation. These Convocations shall be organized under the direction of the Bishop, who shall preside in them when present; but each Convocation shall have its own President, with the title of Archdeacon, to be appointed by the Bishop, on the nomination of the Convocation. It shall meet at least twice during the year, and shall be chargeable with the Missionary work in its own district, under its President, who may also be present without a vote, at all meetings of the Diocesan Board of Missions.

Sec. 5. The Bishop shall be a member and President *ex officio* of the Board of Missions, and shall have the sole power of nominating Missionaries for appointment by the Board.

The Board shall meet at least quarterly, in different parts of the Diocese, at such times and places as they may appoint. They shall elect their own Secretary and Treasurer; adopt their own by-laws; designate stations and appoint Missionaries on the Bishop's nomination; devise means for securing funds for missionary uses, and distribute them; publish, from time to time, statements of their work; and make a full report to each Annual Convention, which report shall contain the names of all stations and Missionaries, the annual receipts and expenditures, the names of congregations and individuals contributing, and a list of non-contributing Parishes, if any, and shall be entered in full upon the Journal.

All moneys for Diocesan missions shall be appropriated under the direction of this Board, any congregation or individual being allowed to designate the station to which half of their contributions shall be applied; and the Treasurer shall report each year, besides these general funds, all sums certified to him by the Rector of any Parish as expended in the local missionary work of that Parish, and all sums certified by the Treasurer of any of the Missionary Convocations as expended in their local missionary work.

The traveling expenses of Missionaries and members of the Board to the stated quarterly meetings, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Society, if the funds are sufficient.

Canon XVII.

Of the Organization of Missions.

Section 1. Any residents of any town, village or district, may make application to the Bishop to organize a Mission in and for such town, village or district, which application shall be in the following or similar form, viz:

To the Right Reverend , Bishop of the Diocese of Albany:

We, the undersigned, residents of the town of , county of , Diocese of Albany, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us as you think fit. For which benefits, we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of said Church, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Albany, and to the rules regulating missionary stations in this Diocese. And, in accordance with these rules, we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission, under the name of Mission, . Furthermore, we hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Diocese, in four equal quarterly installments, the sum of at least for the first year.

Respectfully, your obedient servants.

This application should be signed by all the adults who propose to be members of the Mission.

In case such town, village or district, or any part or parts thereof, shall be within the limits of any organized Parish or Parishes, the said application shall be accompanied by the written consent of the rector or a majority of the rectors thereof, or by a statement that such consent is refused, or cannot be obtained; in which case it shall be the duty of the Bishop to inquire why such consent is refused or cannot be had, and to consider the reasons thereof.

Sec. 2. If the Bishop consent to the organization of a Mission, he shall appoint, on consultation with the Missionary, the following officers to serve for the first year, after which they shall be elected annually, in Easter week, by the people: a Warden, a Treasurer and a Clerk; or, if it be deemed expedient by the Bishop, a Warden and Treasurer only shall be appointed.

It shall be the duty of the Warden to procure a room or house to be used as a place of public worship, and to see that the same be kept clean and in good repair, and that it be provided with all things necessary for conducting the services of the Church decently and in order. He shall also provide the bread and wine for the Holy Communion, and take charge of the Communion service, the linen, books and other articles belonging to the Mission.

The Warden shall be constituted delegate, ex officio, to the Convention, where he shall have a seat and voice, but shall not be allowed to vote. He shall also be entitled to a seat and vote in the meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk, or, if no Clerk be appointed or elected, of the Treasurer, to keep a record of events of importance to the Mission, and a list of its families and members, and, in case the Missionary be non-resident, to have the custody of the Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, etc., but not

to make entries therein except by the Missionary's request, or in case of a vacancy of the Mission, and to attend to any correspondence required by or for the Mission.

The Missionary shall appoint the sexton, organist, choir-leader, Sunday-school superintendent, and any other helper he may find necessary; but, during a vacancy of the Mission, the right of such appointment shall rest with the officers previously named.

Sec. 3. Every person becoming a member of the Mission, and willing to aid in its support, is expected to name a certain sum per week, which he will contribute through the offertory to the Board of Missions, whether it be large or small, according as God hath blessed him.

The weekly offertory is to be established at the commencement of the Mission; not only as the easiest way of raising money and of dividing the expenses equitably among the people, but also that the duty and habit of Christian giving may be practically inculcated.

Sec. 4. The title of real estate given to or purchased by the Mission for Church purposes, shall be vested in the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany, to be held by them until such time as the Mission shall become a duly organized Parish, or longer, if the parishioners shall so elect.

Sec. 5. Missions duly organized shall report to the Bishop annually, at the meeting of the Convention, through their Missionaries; or, if there be none in charge, through their Clerk; or, if there be no Clerk, through the Treasurer.

Sec. 6. The change from "Mission" to "Parish" may be made when, first, there shall be a sufficient number of persons qualified to act as Wardens and Vestrymen; and when, secondly, the station is provided with a Church or Rectory, and is able to furnish half the salary of the Rector.

Canon XVIII.

Of Offerings.

Section 1. Whereas, it is the duty of all Christians, as faithful stewards of God, to set apart, regularly, a portion of their income as God's portion, "every one as God hath prospered him," to be used for the maintenance and extension of His kingdom, and the relief of His poor: this Church enjoins this duty upon all her members.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every congregation of this Diocese regularly to contribute, at least once in every year, by weekly or monthly offerings, or in some other systematic way, to the Missions of the Diocese; the General Missions of the Church in the United States; the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany and its vicinity; the education of young men for the Holy ministry; and the relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, and of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen; and the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, at or near Cooperstown; the offerings to be sent to the Treasurers respectively of the various funds for which they are designated; and the amount and destination of all such contributions to form a distinct item in the annual Parochial report.

Sec. 3. The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Albany shall be the organ of the Diocese for the distribution of all the moneys collected for Diocesan missions.

Sec. 4. The Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York, in which we have an interest in common with our mother Diocese, shall be the organ of this Diocese for the education of young men for Holy Orders. A copy of its annual report, if obtained from its Superintendent, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Convention before each annual Convention.

Sec. 5. The Bible and Common Prayer Book Society of Albany and its vicinity shall be the organ of this Diocese for the distribution of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, and shall present a full report of its proceedings to each Annual Convention.

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany shall be the organ of this Diocese for the purposes of that fund, and shall receive its contributions. The report of the Trustees shall be laid before each annual Convention.

Sec. 7. The Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Albany shall be the organ of this Diocese for this charitable purpose, and shall receive its contributions. The Trustees shall present a report of the fund to each annual Convention.

Canon XIX.

Of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Section 1. Three Lay Trustees shall be appointed annually by the Convention, who, with the Bishop and the Treasurer of the Convention, shall constitute a Board, to be called the Trustees of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and whose duty it shall be to receive applications for relief, and to administer it in accordance with such rules and regulations as said Trustees, with the approbation of this Convention, shall from time to time adopt.

Sec. 2. Vacancies occurring in the number of the above named three Lay Trustees, by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the remaining Trustees.

Sec. 3. All contributions or donations to this object shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention: and funds not wanted for current use shall be invested and held in trust by the Trustees appointed by the Convention.

Canon XX.

Of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen.

Section 1. Three Lay Trustees shall be appointed annually by the Convention, who, with the Bishop and the Treasurer of the Convention, shall constitute a Board, to be called the Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and whose duty it shall be to receive applications for relief, and to administer it in accordance with such rules and regulations as said Trustees, with the approbation of this Convention, shall from time to time adopt.

Sec. 2. Vacancies occurring in the number of the above named three Lay Trustees, by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Convention, may be supplied by the remaining Trustees.

Sec. 3. All contributions or donations to this object shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Convention; and funds not wanted for current use shall be invested and held in trust by the Trustees appointed by the Convention.

Canon XXI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman not being a Bishop.

Whenever any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz:

Section 1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offences of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by the major part in number of the members of the Vestry of any Church of which the accused is Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or as hereinafter mentioned. Whenever, from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offence or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint five persons, of whom three at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there is, in their opinion, sufficient ground for presentment, they shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

Sec. 2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offence, may dismiss it; or if it allege facts, some of which do and some of which do not constitute an offence, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate twelve Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall, within thirty days after such service, select five of them, and notify their names in writing to the Bishop; and if he shall not give such notification to the Bishop within the said thirty days, the Bishop shall select five; and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop shall direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place (but always within the Diocese), as they shall think necessary.

Sec. 3. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served, at least thirty days before such meeting, on the accused, and also on one of the persons making the presentment.

Sec. 4. If, at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board of Presbyters, the whole number of five shall not attend, then those who do attend may adjourn from time to time; and if, after one adjournment or more, it shall appear to them improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then those who do attend, not being less than three, shall constitute the Board, and proceed to the trial, and a majority of them shall decide all questions.

Sec. 5. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, and shall not demur thereto, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to proceed to pass sentence; and if he shall not confess them before the appointment of a Board for his trial, as before mentioned, he shall be considered as denying them.

Sec. 6. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not ppear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may evertheless proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see t to adjourn till another day.

Sec. 7. When the Board proceed to the trial, they shall hear such evidence as hall be produced, which evidence shall be reduced to writing and signed by the ritnesses respectively; and some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, ıay, at the desire of either party, be requested to administer an oath or affirmaion to the witnesses, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing ut the truth, concerning the facts charged in the presentment. If, on or during he trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, as stated in the preentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proeed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought o be pronounced.

Sec. 8. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, and it being made atisfactorily to appear to him that any material witnesses cannot be procured pon the trial, the Bishop may appoint a Commissary to take the testimony of ny such witness. Such Commissary may be either a Clergyman or a Layman, nd the party so applying shall give to the other at least six days notice of the me and place of taking the testimony. And if the person on whom the notice hall be served shall reside more than forty miles from the place of examinaon, notice of an additional day shall be given for every additional twenty miles f the said distance. And both parties may attend and examine the witness, nd the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the itness, and shall be certified by the Commissary, and inclosed under his seal, nd transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. A itness examined before such Commissary, may be sworn or affirmed in manner foresaid.

Sec. 9. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare n writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges ontained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or ıot guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which, in heir opinion, should be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be, vithout delay, communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together vith the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such anonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided the same shall ıot exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board; and such senence shall be final. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon he accused, and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet him at such time as nay, in his opinion, be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by ıim, which shall, for that purpose, be open at the time to all persons who may hoose to attend, and the sentence shall then and there be publicly pronounced y the Bishop. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, nay grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters hall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before nentioned.

Sec. 10. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon, may be served y a summoner or summoners, to be appointed for the purpose by the Bishop, ınd whose certificate of such service shall be evidence thereof. In case of ervice by any other person, the facts shall be proved by the affidavit of such

person. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his last p of residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or paper.

Sec. 11. The defendant may have the privilege of appearing by counsel case of the exercise of which privilege, and not otherwise, those who pre shall also have the like privilege.

Canon XXII.

Concerning Alterations in the Canons, and Additions thereto.

No proposed alteration of, or addition to, the Canons, shall hereafter be sidered by the Convention, unless at least one day's previous notice be g thereof in open Convention; nor, unless by unanimous consent, until alteration or addition shall have been referred to, and reported upon, by a C mittee of at least two Presbyters and two Laymen. Nor shall such alter or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the of both orders, taken separately, shall not concur therein; but in such the same (unless negatived by a majority of the members present) shal over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Journal of the Proceedings

of the

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James Wilkins Stewart,
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enry McClory,
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mes A. Upjohn,
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ıomas May Thorpe,
Missionary, Clinton County Associate Mission.

chard S. Adams,
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njamin Webb,
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nes H. Tyng.

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lward T. Bartlett,
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orge C. Pennell;
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John B. Tibbitts,
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C. W. Camp.

Francis H. Stubbs,
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James Earl Hall,
Missionary to Christ Church, Morristown, and
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William Curtis Prout,

Assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Hudson; Rector of Trinity Church, Claverack, Columbia county, and Missionary.

Howard T. Widdemer,

Assistant Minister of S. Paul's Church, Albany, Albany county.

Joshua N. T. Goss,

Missionary, Clinton County Associate Mission, residing at Centreville.

E. Gregory Prout,

Missionary to the Church of the Great Shepherd, Massena, and the Mission at Potsdam Junction, St. Lawrence county.

I certify the above to be a correct list of the Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese of Albany.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE,
Bishop of Albany.

Sept. 28, A. D. 1870.

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Joel Davis,
William Townsend Early,
G. C. V. Eastman,
George W. Ferguson,
George Fisher,
Joshua N. T. Goss,
Gemont Graves,
Edward Hale,
James E. Hall,
Reeve Hobbie,
William S. Hayward,
William H. Harison,
John H. Hopkins, Jr.,
Gurdon Huntington,
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J. E. Johnson,
John Steinfort Kidney,
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William Payne, D.D.,
Joshua R. Peirce,
George C. Pennell,
John F. Potter,
E. Gregory Prout,
Henry H. Prout,
William C. Prout,

Randall,
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ı Rich,
Richey,
ı S. Rowe,
B. Russell,
L. Schwartz,
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ı A. Snively,
A. Stewart,
H. Stubbs,
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John I. Tucker, D.D.,
James A. Upjohn,
Francis C. Wainwright,
George Walker,
William B. Walker,
George H. Walsh,
Benjamin Webb,
Robert Weeks,
Charles A. Wenman,
Ephraim S. Widdemer,
Howard T. Widdemer,
Daniel E. Willes,
Herman G. Wood,
Curtiss T. Woodruff.

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George W. Gibbons,
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William Mason,
Samuel M. Van Santvoord,
Frank Jones,
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John H. Van Antwerp,
Leonard Kip,
Oscar Packard,
S. Paul's Church, Albany, Albany county.

Richard J. Story,
James Bell,
William Granger,
Trinity Church, Albany, Albany county.

John McMullen,
William E. Thorn,
Michael Androe,
S. John's Church, Cohoes, Albany county.

William C. Buel,
Richard Leonard,
Dominic E. Tighie,
S. Mark's Church, Green Island, Albany county.

Franklin Frisbee,
James G. Jarvis,
George W. Hood,

Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany county.

James Roy,
George B. Fraser,
John I. Winne,

Trinity Church, West Troy, Albany county.

David Finley,
James Averill,
William M. Coit, M.D.,

S. John's Church, Champlain, Clinton county.

W. B. Pierce,
John Thompson,
L. C. Dodge, M.D.,

Christ Church, Rouses Point, Clinton county.

S. H. Webb,
W. H. Philip,
H. G. Adams,

Trinity Church, Claverack, Columbia county.

Robert B. Monell,
John P. Wheeler,
Elias W. Kimball,

Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia county.

James Mitchell,
Henry H. Gibbs,
Augustus W. Wyncoop,

S. Paul's Church, Kinderhook, Columbia county.

Gideon Lathrop,
Francis H. Stott,
W. Benjamin Reynolds,

S. John's Church, Stockport, Columbia county.

Appollos C. Edgerton,
Calvin H. Bell,
George E. Marvin,

S. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware county.

William S. Foote,
Hector Stewart,
Peter Kilpatrick,

S. Peter's Church, Hobart, Delaware county.

Charles B. Wade,
George St. John,
David H. Gay,

Christ Church, Walton, Delaware county.

Artemas H. Whitney,
Andrew J. Tucker,
Edward D. Ferguson,

S. John's Church, Essex, Essex county.

Elijah W. Prindle,
Abiram S. Van Voast,
J. M. Carroll,

S. John's Church, Johnstown, Fulton county.

Henry Sandford,
Harvey D. Smith,

Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, Fulton county.

Howard Hill,
George Sherbourne,
Thomas Marston Beach,

Trinity Church, Gloversville, Fulton county.

Nathan Clark,
Nathan Clark, Jr.,
John Warne,

Trinity Church, Athens, Greene county.

Henry E. Hotchkiss,
Edwin E. Darby,
L. Byington,

Calvary Church, Cairo, Greene county.

F. James Fitch,
R. W. Watson,
C. S. Willard,

S. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene county.

L. F. Botsford,
Nicholas Clute,
Frederick G. Deming,

Christ Church, Coxsackie, Greene county.

Egbert Palmer,
Thomas J. Rundle,
Theodore L. Provost,

Christ Church, Greeneville, Greene county.

John H. Cheritree,
Franklin Graham,
Manly B. Mattice,

S. Paul's Church, Oak Hill, Greene county.

Henry P. Barlow.
F. Holcomb, M.D.,
Willis Chatfield,

Trinity Church, Windham, Greene county.

Jarius Mather,
Reuben Neely,
Manning S. Todd,

Trinity Church, Fairfield, Herkimer county.

George W. Pine,
Robert Earle,
Samuel Earle,

Christ Church, Herkimer, Herkimer county.

M. W. Priest,
George Ashley,
G. A. Hardin,

Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, Herkimer county.

Charles Devendorf, M.D.,
Albert G. Catlin,
James F. Sugden,

S. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, Montgomery county.

Richard H. Cushney,
Hiram L. Washburn,

Zion Church, Fonda, Montgomery county.

John H. Fitzgerald,
Francis Blackman,
John Mayne,

Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego county.

George Neal,
Abraham B. Cox, Jr.,
Joseph Phelon,

Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego county.

G. Pomeroy Keese,
George W. Ernst,
D. A. Avery,

Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego county.

Albert G. Moore,
Albert C. Bunn,
James R. Morris,

Zion Church, Morris, Otsego county.

William Birdsall,
William H. Parkes,
Charles Blake,

Immanuel Church, Otego, Otsego county.

Hiram C. Cline,
Samuel Denison,
William C. Gould,

S. John's Church, Portlandville, Otsego county.

John T. Getman,
Niles D. Jewell,
Parker D. Fay,

S. John's Church, Richfield Springs, Otsego county.

Samuel North,
D. P. Loomis,
F. A. Sands,

S. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego county.

W. Allen,
Theodore A. Snyder,
Daniel Nash Allen, Jr.,

S. Timothy's Church, Westford, Otsego county.

William P. Irwin,
F. B. Parmele, M.D.,
Stephen Niles,

Church of the Messiah, Greenbush, Rensselaer county.

J. Russell Parsons,
Smith A. Skinner,
John G. Darrock,

S. Mark's Church, Hoosac Falls, Rensselaer county.

Samuel Perry,
James McQuide,
Peter B. King,

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer county.

Joseph E. Knickerbacker,
Tibbits Briggs,
O. A. Arnold,

Trinity Church, Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county.

George B. Smith,
Charles W. Mosely,
William Kemp,

Christ Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

Francis N. Mann,
Thomas A. Tillinghast,
Benj. H. Hall,

S. John's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

Charles S. Davis,
Peter Thalimer,
Robert Bainbridge,

S. Luke's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

James Forsyth,
Uri Gilbert,
John H. Willard,

S. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer county.

James W. Horton,
Stephen B. Medbery,
John H. Westcot,

Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga county.

Lewis H. Sears,
Calvin S. Wheeler,
George H. Barlow,

Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, Saratoga county.

Robert O. Davis,
Fred. Curtis,
William Birdsall,

S. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga county.

William Tibbits, M.D.,
William C. Tallmadge,
N. H. Ballou,

S. Luke's Church, Mechanicville, Saratoga county.

W. H. Walton,
C. N. Holden,
Aaron B. Olmstead,

Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga county.

Charles H. Payn,
John R. Preston,

S. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville, Saratoga county.

J. B. Enos,
John Higgins,
Joseph Harriman,

Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga county.

Benj. M. Duane,
Ralph W. Dougall,
Hugh McDougall,

Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady county.

Abram A. Van Vorst,
Jonas H. Crane,
Samuel W. Jackson,

S. George's Church, Schenectady, Schenectady county.

Gershom Banker,
B. O'Connell,
Peter Rowe,

Christ Church, Schenectady, Schenectady county.

Champlain Harison,
William M. Pickslay,
Richard B. Ellsworth,

Grace Church, Canton, St. Lawrence county.

George Parker,
George B. Winslow,
John H. Honeycomb,

Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county.

Erastus W. White,
Joseph Couper, 2d,
John Canfield,

Christ Church, Morristown, St. Lawrence county.

T. Streatfield Clarkson, Sen.,
T. Streatfield Clarkson,
Bloomfield Usher,

Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence county.

S. Stevens, M.D.,
Richard Harison,
P. J. Dewey,

S. Paul's Church, Waddington, St. Lawrence county.

J. W. Finch,
J. E. Caldwell,
George Bassinger,

Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls, Warren county.

Benjamin C. Butler,
Andrew J. Cherritree,
John T. Paine,

S. Mary's Church, Luzerne, Warren county.

Henry Griffins,
Fred. O. Burhans,
Charles Braley,

Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh, Warren county.

Thomas R. Wade,
Henry Willard,
Philander C. Hitchcock,

S. James' Church, Fort Edward, Washington county

James Gibson,
James Gibson, Jr.,
William B. Bool,

S. Paul's Church, Salem, Washington county.

E. H. Crocker,
George Weston,
Daniel J. Finch,

Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington county.

Uriah H. Coffin,
George A. Priest,
D. A. McCrae,

Trinity Church, Whitehall, Washington county.

S. Peter's Church, Albany,
Wednesday, Sept. 28, A. D. 1870.

'his being the day appointed by the Bishop of Diocese for the meeting of the Third Conven- of the Diocese of Albany, the Bishop and a ;e number of the Clergy and Lay Delegates :mbled in S. Peter's Church, Albany, at half- : ten o'clock in the morning, when Morning yer was said, the Reverends S. B. Bostwick,).,, H. M. Davis, D. Hillhouse Buell, G. L. de, George H. Nicholls, officiating.

'he Bishop of the Diocese celebrated the Holy :harist, and was assisted in the service by the 'erends John Townsend, Deodatus Babcock,).,, Joshua R. Peirce, J. H. H. Brown, W. A. vely, Edward Selkirk, J. Livingston Reese, B. Russell.

'he Sermon being preached by the Rev. J. Stein- Kidney.

mmediately after the service, the Convention was :d to order by the Bishop of the Diocese.

'he Secretary called the roll of the Clergy, and y-eight answered to their names.

'he roll of Parishes entitled to representation were :d. The Bishop then appointed the Secretary, n H. Willard and F. James Fitch, as a Com- :ee to examine the Credentials of the Lay Dele- :s. The Committee presented the credentials of parishes as correct, and the delegates names e called, and took their seats.

A constitutional quorum being present, the Bishop declared the Convention organized and ready for business.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. J. H. H. Brown was elected Secretary, and S. E. Marvin, Treasurer.

The Secretary appointed the Rev. Robert Weeks assistant, who declined. The Secretary appointed the Rev. George C. Pennell as assistant.

The Bishop appointed the following standing Committees:

On the Incorporation and Admission of Churches.

Rev. William Payne, D.D., R. H. Cushney, T. S. Clarkson, 2d.

On the Diocesan Fund.

Rev. John Townsend, Rev. James W. Stewart, Robert Earle, George B. Smith, and the Treasurer.

On the Treasurer's Report.

James Mitchell, B. H. Hall, G. W. Ernst.

On the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. John I. Tucker, D.D., Rev. W. A. Snively, James Roy, W. C. Tallmadge, Benjamin M. Duane.

On Canons.

Rev. T. W. Coit, D.D., Rev. D. H. Buell, Rev. J. S. Kidney, F. N. Mann, O. Meads, James Forsyth, James Gibson.

The Bishop appointed, as a Committee to nominate the Board of Missions:

Rev. J. S. Kidney, Rev. H. G. Wood, Rev. G. C. Pennell, Thomas Olmstead, A. H. Whitney.

Inspectors of Elections.

For the Standing Committee.

For the Clerical Vote—Rev. Joseph Carey, Francis Silvester.

For the Lay Vote—Rev. W. B. Walker, B. C Butler.

The Board of Missions.

For the Clerical Vote—Rev. H. G. Wood, Townsend Fondey.

For the Lay Vote—Rev. William M. Ogden, F. O. Burhans.

Provisional Deputies.

For the Clerical Vote—Rev. Gemont Graves, W. C. Tallmadge.

For the Lay Vote—Rev. E. S. Widdemer, B. H. Hall.

On motion of Rev. John Townsend, Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed not to pay out any sums for the mileage of the Clergy, until specially ordered to do so by the Convention, and that all motions conflicting with this be hereby repealed.

On motion, Resolved, That clergymen of other dioceses, professors and students of theology in the Episcopal Church, and all persons holding any office or trust under the Convention, if not members thereof, being present at its sittings, be invited to seats in the Convention.

The Right Rev. President having extended the invitation, the following gentlemen took their seats:

Rev. H. T. Gregory, of the Diocese of Ohio; Rev. Edmund Cooper, of the Diocese of Long Island; Rev. William T. Gibson, D.D., of the Diocese of Central New York; Wilbur F. Watkins, Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Long Island; S. E. Marvin, Treasurer of the Diocese.

The Convention then took a recess until seven o'clock in the evening, and at that hour reassembled.

Evening Prayer was said, the Reverends L. P. Clover, D.D., E. S. Widdemer, Edward Hale, W. H. Cook, officiating.

The Bishop of the Diocese called the meeting to order.

On motion of R. H. Cushney, in accordance with Canon XX, the Convention resolved itself into a Meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society.

The Report of the Board of Missions of the Diocese was read by the Secretary, the Rev. Geo. H. Walsh, and the Treasurer's Report was read by the Treasurer, S. E. Marvin.

On motion, the reports were received, and motion of the Rev. L. P. Clover, D.D., the consideration of the reports and the accompanying documents was deferred until to-morrow.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, presented the following nominations:

		Clerical.	Lay.
First Convocation,		Rev. Robert Weeks,	Lyman Tremain.
Second	"	Rev. Geo. H. Walsh,	Walter A. Wood.
Third	"	Rev. Jas. W. Stewart,	Henry P. Gregory.
Fourth	"	Rev. Wm. Payne, D.D.,	R. H. Cushney.
Fifth	"	Rev. Joseph Richey,	Fred. N. Sands.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the rsons nominated were duly elected.

Addresses were delivered by the Bishop, Rev. '. A. Snively, Rev. J. W. Stewart and James orsyth.

The meeting, after prayer and the Benediction onounced by the Bishop, adjourned until to-morw morning at nine o'clock.

Feast of S. Michael and all Angels,
Sept. 29, A. D. 1870.

Seven o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was said, the Reverends F. C. Vainwright, E. G. Prout, W. C. Prout, H. H. rout, officiating.

Nine o'clock A. M.

The Bishop of the Diocese celebrated the Holy ucharist, and was assisted in the service by the everends N. W. Camp, D.D., J. S. Clark, ohn H. Hopkins, Jr., G. C. Pennell, W. M. Ogden,). L. Schwartz.

The service being ended, the Bishop called the onvention to order.

The minutes of the preceding meetings were read id approved.

Additional certificates of Lay Delegates, passed y the Committee on Credentials, were presented.

The names of Clergy and Lay Delegates absent preceding meetings, were then called and entered n the roll.

The Treasurer of the Diocese read his report.

Diocese of Albany, Treasurer's Office,
Albany, Sept. 28, A. D. 1870.

To the Diocese of Albany:

Herewith I transmit the Annual Report of receipts and disbursements for the Conventional year ending October 1, A. D. 1870. The receipts are $1,324.16, and the disbursements, $1,267.13, leaving a balance in the treasury of $57.03.

There is due from the Diocese to Charles van Benthuysen & Sons a balance of $899.27, for printing the Journal of the last Convention, for the payment of which immediate provision should be made.

The Convention at its first session fixed, as the obligation of the parishes to the Diocesan Fund, an assessment of one and one-half per cent on the salary paid the rector, assistant minister or missionary, by the said parish or mission station, not including the stipend paid by the Board of Missions. At the last Convention, said assessment was raised to two per cent. Some of the parishes, in making remittances, are evidently governed by the first action of the Convention in the sums sent. For the past year all parishes and missionary stations should pay the sum of two per cent upon the local salaries paid.

The rectors and vestries of churches should regard the payment of the assessment to the Diocesan Fund as of special import. It more properly belongs to the vestry of a church to meet this demand; it is an annual tax on the salary of the rector, and should be collected and paid from the same source.

From the annual returns made to the last Convention by the several parishes, I gather the fact, that upon the salaries reported, a percentage of two per cent would furnish a sum necessary for the current expenses of the Diocese. It is discouraging to the officers of the Diocese, in the administration of its affairs, to be constantly reminded of an indebtedness of long standing. The Treasury should be in a

condition at all times to meet the ordinary demands liable to be made upon it, and to the securing of this end, the vestries of each parish should make prompt and full remittances to the Diocesan Treasurer of the amount of the assessments on their parishes.

It will be impossible for the Treasurer, in the face of the large indebtedness now standing against the Diocese, to pay any mileage to the Clergy, unless some extraordinary means are resorted to, to secure a sum sufficient for that purpose.

By a Canon of the General Convention, this Diocese is required to pay to the Treasurer of said General Convention, at its next session in 1871, the sum of one dollar each per year for every clergyman officiating within its limits. This tax will require the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

I hope the Convention will take such favorable action as will place the Treasurer in funds sufficient to meet all the existing liabilities.

Very respectfully,

SELDEN E. MARVIN,

Treasurer of the Diocese of Albany.

Receipts from the following Churches.

S. Peter's, Albany	$104 00
Grace, Albany	8 00
Holy Innocents, Albany	32 00
S. Paul's, Albany	45 00
S. John's, Cohoes	25 00
Trinity, Rensselaerville	20 00
Trinity, West Troy	30 00
S. John's, Champlain	5 25
Christ, Rouse's Point	6 57
Trinity, Claverack	5 33
S. Luke's, Clermont	4 00
S. John's, Stockport	25 22
S. John's, Delhi	36 00

S. Paul's, Franklin	$12 00
S. Peter's, Hobart	4 20
S. Paul's, Keeseville	12 00
S. Peter's, Brush's Mills	4 50
S. Mark's, Malone	48 00
Trinity, Windham	8 00
Trinity, Fairfield	4 00
Christ, Herkimer	22 00
Emmanuel, Little Falls	24 00
Zion, Fonda	18 00
Christ, Butternuts	11 00
Grace, Cherry Valley	14 00
Christ, Cooperstown	45 50
S. Mark's, Garrettsville	2 37
Immanuel, Otego	5 00
S. John's, Portlandville	1 50
Zion, Morris	20 00
Christ, West Burlington	2 78
S. Timothy's, Westford	1 50
Messiah, Greenbush	12 50
S. Mark's, Hoosac Falls	40 00
Trinity, Lansingburgh	18 00
Christ, Troy	32 00
S. John's, Troy	50 00
S. Luke's, Troy	35 00
S. Paul's, Troy	50 00
Christ, Ballston Spa	58 00
S. Paul's, Charlton	8 55
S. Stephens', Schuylerville	12 00
S. Luke's, Mechanicville	13 50
S. John's, Stillwater	6 75
Christ, Duanesburgh	24 00
S. George's, Schenectady	52 50
Grace, Canton	14 00
Trinity, Gouverneur	17 00
S. Luke's, Lisbon	9 25
Great Shepherd, Massena,	5 05

Grace, Norfolk	8 00
Trinity, Potsdam	40 00
Christ, Pottersville	4 00
S. Paul's, Waddington	5 00
Messiah, Glen's Falls	12 00
Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	16 00
S. James', Fort Edward	13 65
S. Paul's, Salem	8 25
Zion, Sandy Hill	18 67
S. Luke's, Cambridge	11 00
S. John's, Essex	11 49
Holy Cross, Troy	20 00
J. H. Van Antwerp, late Treas. of Diocese	59 28
Total receipts	$1,293 16
To disbursements	1,267 13
Balance on hand	$26 03
Received from Christ Church, Greenville	6 00
Balance on hand	$32 03
Since received from Church of the Holy Cross, Troy	25 00
Balance on hand	$57 03

Disbursements.

1869.		Paid mileage to the Reverends	
Oct.	1.	C. A. Wenman	$1 75
		J. H. Babcock	2 45
		Henry Stanley	5 25
		J. V. Hughes	6 30
		W. H. Cook	10 50
		G. Huntington	7 84
		J. S. Kidney	17 57

1869.			
Oct.	1.	D. H. Buell	$6 37
		J. F. Potter	16 80
		E. Weil	1 82
		A. H. Stubbs	5 25
		W. M. Ogden	6 58
		J. W. Stewart	18 90
		John Randall	19 60
		J. F. Winkley	18 20
		G. L. Neide	14 70
		N. W. Camp	14 49
		J. H. Hopkins, Jr.	10 00
		D. L. Schwartz	4 90
		H. H. Prout	3 15
		E. Slade	3 15
		N. F. Rulison	5 60
	8.	E. E. Butler	4 20
		T. M. Thorpe	18 76
	20.	R. T. Howard	3 08
Nov.	11.	L. H. Lighthipe	7 00
	30.	S. B. Bostwick	3 92
	2.	On account, Rev. J. H. H. Brown	30 80
Dec.	18.	" J. M. Francis & Tucker	1 00
		" Chas. van Benthuysen & Sons	2 25
		" O. C. Green, per J. H. H. Brown	11 00
1870.			
Jan.	8.	On account, Chas. van Benthuysen & Sons	200 00
	10.	" John Winder	14 70
	21.	Postage to Brown, $5; postage circulars, $3	8 00
Feb.	3.	Right Rev. W. C. Doane, postage on circulars	27 00
	23.	On account, Chas. van Benthuysen & Sons	75 00

1870.			
Apr. 19.	On account,	Chas. van Benthuysen & Sons	$157 25
Sept. 19.	"	J. M. Francis & Tucker	2 00
27.	"	Chas. van Benthuysen & & Sons	500 00
	Total disbursements		$1,267 13

On motion, the report was received, and referred to the Committee on the same.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, and the tellers announced the following persons elected:

Rev. T. W. Coit, D.D., LL.D., Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D.D., Rev. J. H. H. Brown, Rev. J. Livingston Reese, Orlando Meads, James Roy, Thomas A. Tillinghast, Robert B. Monell.

The Bishop declared them to be the Standing Committee, duly elected.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the General Convention.

On motion of the Rev. F. C. Wainwright, Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to nominate four Clerical and four Lay Deputies to General Convention.

The following gentlemen were nominated:

Rev. William Payne, D. D., Rev. William A. Snively, Rev. D. Hillhouse Buell, Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D.D., LL.D., Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D.D., Rev. George H. Walsh, R. H. Cushney, J. T. Hoffman, Orlando Meads, John V. L. Pruyn, James Forsyth, Uri Gilbert, George Pomeroy Keese.

The reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund were presented and read.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Episcopal Endowment Fund of this Diocese, respectfully report, that they hold in their hands the following investments, viz:

Bonds and mortgages on real estate in the city of Albany, on interest at 7 per cent	$19,500 00
$10,300 United States 5-20 bonds, 1864, cost	11,165 25
3,000 " 6s, 1881, "	3,450 00
Balance of cash in bank	7 61
Total	$34,122 86

Also parish bonds for the Fund:

Of S. John's Church, Cohoes	$800 00
" Grace " Waterford	500 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. PUMPELLY,
JAMES FORSYTH,
JONAS C. HEARTT,
J. H. VAN ANTWERP,
Trustees.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund respectfully reports, that he has received during the past year, from

Trinity Church, Athens	$10 00
Emmanuel Church, Little Falls	23 50
J. Owen Moore, Albany	50 00
Christ Church, Herkimer	15 00
Gen. John Tayler Cooper, Albany	300 00
Payment on bond of S. John's Church, Cohoes	200 00

S. Luke's, Clermont	$1 00
S. Paul's, Keeseville	3 89
S. Luke's, Mechanicville	6 40
S. John's, Stillwater	1 29
Interest on deposits in bank	31 55
Gain on bond and mortgage purchased	100 00
Balance on hand last report	1,809 08
	$2,551 63

Payments.

Expenses, Rev. J. H. H. Brown, procuring subscriptions, printing and postage	$203 77	
Weed, Parsons & Co., bill printing	12 50	
Invested by Trustees of Endowment Fund	2,327 75	
		2,544 02
Cash balance in bank		$7 61

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

On motion, the reports were received.

Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D. D., in the chair.

The Reports of the Committee and Treasurer on the Bishop's Salary were presented and read.

The Committee on the Bishop's Salary Fund, of the Diocese of Albany, beg leave to report, that at a meeting of said Committee, held to provide for the deficiency in the income of the Endowment Fund for the support of the

Bishop, assessed the parishes of the Diocese as annexed in this report, and as set forth in the following circular addressed to the parishes by the committee:

Diocese of Albany,
Troy, Feb. 1, 1870.

To the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen
of Church, .

To provide for the deficiency in the income of the Endowment Fund for the support of the Bishop for the present year, the Committee on the Salary of the Bishop have assessed your parish $, half payable as soon as you can conveniently remit the Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Van Antwerp, Albany, and the balance on or before the first of August next.

The assessments have been increased this year twenty-five per cent over that of last year, for the reason that the assessment of 1869 did not provide for the Bishop's salary beyond the Conventional year. Consequently to meet the quarter's salary due February 1, 1870, and for the year ending February 1, 1871—five quarters—an increase on the former assessments had to be made. Hereafter the assessments will be made only for each yearly deficiency, hoping that by the increase of the Endowment Fund, the assessments will gradually grow lighter The committee deem it unnecessary in this circular to urge the importance of a speedy remittance from every parish, hoping that you will at once see the need of placing the Treasurer in funds, that the amount pledged the Bishop may be paid promptly when due him.

For the Committee,

J. J. TILLINGHAST,
Secretary.

Amount due now, $.
" " Aug. 1, $.

nties.	Places.	Churches.	Assessments.	
r	Albany	S. Peter's	$125 00	
	"	S. Paul's	100 00	
	"	Trinity	68 75	
	"	Holy Innocents.	12 50	
	"	Grace	68 75	
	Cohoes	S. John's.....	25 00	
	Green Island....	S. Mark's	25 00	
	Rensselaerville ..	Trinity.....	6 25	
	West Troy	"	31 25	
				$462 50
n	Centreville	S. Paul's.....	$5 00	
	Chazy	S. Luke's.....	5 00	
	Champlain.....	S. John's.....	6 25	
	Plattsburgh	Trinity	50 00	
	Rouses Point	Christ	12 50	
				78 75
ıbia	Copake	S. John's.....	$8 00	
	Claverack	Trinity	12 50	
	Clermont..... .	S. John's.....	25 00	
	Stockport.....	"	50 00	
	Hudson	Christ	62 50	
	Kinderhook	S. Paul's.....	31 25	
	Lebanon Springs..	.....	6 00	
				195 25
'are	Bloomville.....	Grace	$6 25	
	Delhi	S. John's.....	31 25	
	Deposit	Christ	6 25	
	Franklin.....	S. Paul's.....	25 00	
	Hobart	S. Peter's	18 75	
	Walton	Christ	31 25	
				118 75
.....	Ticonderoga	Of the Cross ..	$5 00	
	Ausable Forks ...	.....	10 00	
	Essex	S. John's.....	12 50	
	Keeseville	S. Paul's	18 75	
				46 25
lin	Malone	S. Mark's	$31 25	
	Brush's Mills....	S. Peter's	6 25	
				37 50
ıe	Catskill	S. Luke's ...	$31 25	
	Athens.....	Trinity	25 00	
	Cairo	Calvary.....	6 25	
	Coxsackie	Christ	12 50	
	Greeneville	S. Paul's	12 50	
	Oak Hill.....	"	25 00	
	Prattsville	Grace	6 25	
	Windham	Trinity	6 25	
				125 00
n	Johnstown	S. John's.....	$62 50	

Counties.	Places.	Churches.	Assessments.	
Fulton	Gloversville	Trinity	$6 25	
	North Hampton .	Redeemer	6 25	
				$75
Herkimer	Norway	Grace	$6 25	
	Newport	.....	6 25	
	Ilion	S. Augustine's..	10 00	
	Little Falls	Emmanuel	18 75	
	Herkimer	Christ	12 50	
	Fairfield.....	Trinity	12 50	
	Middleville	.....	10 00	
				76
Montgomery..	Fonda	Zion	$12 50	
	Amsterdam	S. Ann's	37 56	
				50
Otsego	Richfield Springs.	S. Luke's	$12 50	
	West Burlington .	Christ	6 25	
	Westford	S. Timothy's ..	6 25	
	Unadilla	S. Matthew's ..	31 25	
	Richfield Springs.	S. John's	12 50	
	Portland	"	6 25	
	Otego	Immanuel	12 50	
	Oneonta	.....	12 50	
	Morris	Zion	50 00	
	Laurens	.....	12 50	
	Garrattsville	S. Mark's	6 25	
	Exeter	S. John's.....	6 25	
	Cooperstown	Christ	75 00	
	Cherry Valley...	Grace	25 00	
	Butternuts	Christ	43 75	
				318
Rensselaer....	Greenbush	Messiah	$25 00	
	Hoosac Falls	S. Mark's	25 00	
	Lansingburgh....	Trinity	50 00	
	Troy	S. Paul's	375 00	
	"	S. John's.....	250 00	
	"	Christ	125 00	
	"	Holy Cross....	175 00	
	"	St. Luke's	12 50	
	Schaghticoke	.....	5 00	
				1,042
Saratoga	Ballston	Christ	$37 50	
	"	Calvary.....	31 25	
	Burnt Hills	"	12 50	
	Charlton	S. Paul's.....	6 25	
	Mechanicville ...	S. Luke's	18 75	
	Saratoga.....	Bethesda	31 25	
	Schuylerville	S. Stephen's ...	6 25	
	Stillwater.....	S. John's.....	12 50	
	Waterford	Grace	62 50	
				218

Counties.	Places.	Churches.	Assessments.	
:henectady ..	Schenectady.....	S. George's....	$31 25	
	"	Christ	6 25	
	Duanesburgh....	"	87 50	
				$125 00
:hoharie	Middleburgh ...	S. Luke's	$6 25	
	Sharon.....	Trinity	43 75	
				50 00
t. Lawrence..	Canton	Grace.....	$12 50	
	Gouverneur	Trinity	12 50	
	Lawrence.....	.....	12 50	
	Lisbon	S. Luke's	12 50	
	Morristown.....	Christ	12 50	
	Norfolk	Grace.....	6 25	
	Ogdensburgh ...	S. John's.....	62 50	
	Potsdam	Trinity	37 50	
	Waddington	S. Paul's.....	37 50	
	Massena.....	Great Shepherd.	5 00	
				211 25
Warren.....	Warrensburgh ...	Holy Cross....	$31 25	
	Luzerne.....	S. Mary's.....	6 25	
	Glen's Falls.....	Messiah	62 50	
	Harresena	S. Paul's.....	6 25	
	Chester	Christ	6 25	
	Caldwell	S. James'.....	6 25	
	Bolton	S. Sacrament...	6 25	
				125 00
Washington ..	Fort Edward....	S. James'.. ...	$37 50	
	Cambridge.....	S. Luke's	6 25	
	Salem.....	S. Paul's.....	18 75	
	Whitehall	Trinity	12 50	
	Sandy Hill.....	Zion	37 50	
	Granville	Trinity	5 00	
				117 50
Total....	.....	.....	.....	$3,474 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROY,
Chairman.

J. J. TILLINGHAST,
Secretary.

Sept. 28, 1870.

Report of the Treasurer on the Bishop's Salary.—I
Account to pay the Salary of the Bishop.

Received from investments of the Trustees of the
copal Fund:

1869.			
Nov.	1.	Six months gold int. on $10,000, 5-20s,	$
		Premium on it at 27 per cent -------	
1870.			
Jan.	2.	Six months gold interest on $3,000, U. S. 6s, '81 ----------	
		Premium on it at 20 per cent -------	
	2.	Interest, Griswold mortgage--------	1
	7.	" Hill " --------	1
	7.	" Anells " --------	2
Apr.	1.	" Druiggs " --------	1
May.	3.	Six months gold int. on $10,000, 5-20s,	3
		Premium on it at 15 per cent -------	
July	1.	One year interest, $500 bond, Grace Church, Waterford ----------	
	1.	Interest, Cooke mortgage ----------	
	1.	" Griswold " ----------	1
	7.	" Hill " ----------	1
	7.	" Anells " ----------	2
	7.	Six months gold interest on $3,000, U. S. 6s, '81 ----------	
		Premium on it at 12½ per cent ------	
Aug.	1.	One year interest, $800 bond, S. John's Church, Cohoes ----------	
Oct.	1.	Interest, Druiggs mortgage--------	1
			$2,3

From assessments on the churches by the Committee on the Salary of the Bishop.

From the following Churches:

S. Luke's, Lisbon,	for 1869----------	$
Trinity, Potsdam,	" ----------	

S. Paul's, Charlton,	for 1869	$5 00
S. Paul's, Oak Hill,	"	20 00
Trinity, West Troy,	in full,	31 25
Trinity, Claverack,	"	12 50
Trinity, Windham,	"	12 50
S. Paul's, Kinderhook,	"	31 25
Christ, Deposit,	"	6 25
S. Peter's, Hobart,	"	18 75
Mission, Ausable Forks,	"	10 00
S. Paul's, Keeseville,	"	18 66
S. Mark's, Malone,	"	31 25
S. Peter's, Brush's Mills,	"	6 25
Christ, Greeneville,	"	12 50
Grace, Prattsville,	"	6 25
Grace, Norway,	"	6 25
Zion, Fonda,	"	12 50
S. Mark's, Garrattsville,	"	6 25
Grace, Cherry Valley,	"	25 00
S. Mark's, Hoosac Falls,	"	25 00
S. Paul's, Charlton,	"	6 25
S. Luke's, Mechanicville,	"	18 75
Trinity, Gouverneur,	"	12 50
Christ, Morristown,	"	12 50
Trinity, Potsdam,	"	37 50
Holy Cross, Warrensburgh,	"	31 25
Christ, Pottersville (Chester)	"	6 50
S. James', Fort Edward,	"	37 50
S. Luke's, Cambridge,	"	6 25
S. John's, Champlain,	"	6 26
Trinity, Gloversville,	"	6 25
Christ, West Burlington,	"	6 25
S. John's, Richfield Springs,	"	12 50
Bethesda, Saratoga Springs,	"	31 25
S. Mary's, Luzerne,	"	6 25
S. Paul's, Salem,	"	18 75
Trinity, Granville,	"	15 00

S. Paul's, Oak Hill,	in full,	----------	$25 00
S. Peter's, Albany,	"	----------	125 00
S. Luke's, Catskill,	"	----------	31 25
Trinity, Rensselaerville,	"	----------	6 25
Trinity, Whitehall,	"	----------	12 50
S. George's, Schenectady,	"	----------	31 25
S. Augustine, Ilion,	"	----------	10 00
Christ, Cooperstown,	"	----------	75 00
Christ, Troy,	"	----------	1 25
Christ, Ballston,	"	----------	38 00
Zion, Sandy Hill,	"	----------	37 50
Emmanuel, Little Falls,	"	----------	18 75
Gt. Shepherd, Massena,	"	----------	5 00
Trinity, Schaghticoke,	"	----------	5 00
Of the Cross, Ticonderoga,	"	----------	5 00
S. Stephen's, Schuylerville,	"	----------	6 28
S. Paul's, Troy,	"	----------	375 00
Zion, Morris,	"	----------	50 00
S. Sacrament, Bolton,	"	----------	6 25
Calvary, Burnt Hills,	in part,	----------	10 00
S. Paul's, Albany,	"	----------	55 55
Holy Innocents, Albany,	"	----------	6 25
Grace, Albany,	"	----------	10 00
Christ, Rouses Point,	"	----------	6 25
S. Luke's, Clermont,	"	----------	6 25
S. John's, Delhi,	"	----------	15 62
Christ, Walton,	"	----------	15 62
Messiah, Glen's Falls,	"	----------	13 00
S. John Evangelist, Stockport,	"	----------	29 08
Trinity, Fairfield,	"	----------	6 25
Immanuel, Otego,	"	----------	6 50
S. John's, Exeter,	"	----------	5 75
Christ, Duanesburgh,	"	----------	60 00
S. Paul's, Waddington,	"	----------	5 00
S. James', Caldwell,	"	----------	3 15
S. John's, Portlandville,	"	----------	3 13

S. Luke's, Lisbon,	in part, ----------	$4 65
S. John's, Stillwater,	" ----------	2 77
Christ, Coxsackie,	" ----------	6 00
Redeemer, Northampton,	" ----------	6 00
Feb. 2, 1870. Advanced by a trustee, Troy----		1,000 00
Balance on hand last report ----		723 00
		$5,905 93

Cr. by payments:

To Bishop, in full, to Aug. 1, 1870,	$5,257 50	
Part payment on $1,000 borrowed,	500 00	
Printing, postage, etc.----------	13 95	
		5,771 45
Balance in bank ----------		$134 48

The Committee on the Salary of the Bishop (referring to the $500 of money borrowed yet due) find it necessary to state, that unless the churches which have made no payments, pay promptly, it will be difficult to meet the next quarter's payment of the Bishop's salary.

JOHN H. VAN ANTWERP,
Treasurer.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

Albany, Nov. 21, 1870.

Reverend and Dear Sir:

The following parishes have made payments on assessments for the Bishop's salary since my report to the Convention, and desire to have their names entered as so paying, in the Journal, supplementary to the report:

S. Luke's, Troy ----------	$10 00
Holy Cross, Troy----------	50 00
Christ, Herkimer ----------	12 50

Christ, Duanesburgh	$27 50
S. John's, Essex	12 00
Immanuel, Otego	6 00
Christ, Hudson	62 50
Christ, Walton	17 75
S Timothy, Waterford	6 25
S. John's, Portlandville	3 13
S. Mark's, Green Island	25 00
S. Ann's, Amsterdam	15 50
S. John's, Delhi	15 63
Holy Innocents, Albany	6 25
S. John's, Ogdensburgh	62 50
S. Paul's, Franklin	20 00

Yours, respectfully,

J. H. Van Antwerp,
Treasurer.

Rev. G. C. Pennell, Secretary,
Champlain, N. Y.

On motion, the reports were received.

All the reports just read were, on motion, referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of Rev. D. H. Buell, Townsend Fondey, David Finley.

A communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention was read and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Albany:

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of Section III of Canon I of Title III of the Digest, I would hereby give par-

icular notice that the following alteration of the Constitu-
ion of the Church is proposed, to wit, that comprised in the
esolution subjoined, said resolution having been adopted by
constitutional majority of both Houses of the General
Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in October,
A. D. 1868:

Resolved, That the alteration of the Constitution recom-
mended in the following resolution be proposed, and that the
ame be made known to the several diocesan conventions, in
ursuance of article 9 of the Constitution, viz:

Resolved, That article 5 of the Constitution be amended
o as to read as follows, viz:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United
States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may
t any time hereafter be admitted on acceding to this Con-
titution; and a new diocese, to be formed from one or
more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the follow-
ng restrictions, viz:

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the
mits of any other diocese, nor shall any diocese be formed
y the junction of two or more dioceses, or parts of dioceses,
nless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of
ach of the dioceses concerned, as well as of the General
Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the
General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a
uitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the
ontemplated new diocese.

No such new diocese shall be formed which shall contain
ess than six parishes, or less than six presbyters who have
een for at least one year canonically resident within the
ounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish
r congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor
hall such new diocese be formed if thereby any existing
liocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve
arishes, or less than twelve presbyters who have been

residing therein, and settled and qualified, as above mentioned; provided that no city shall form more than one diocese.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two or more dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two or more dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

And also that the changes in "A Table of the Days on which Easter will fall for Thirty-eight Years," proposed in the following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the General Convention, are submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to wit:

Resolved, That the accompanying additional cycle be made known to the Convention of every diocese, agreeably to the eighth article of the Constitution.

Resolved, That an additional cycle completing the present century be inserted in the table for finding Easter; and that the cycle from 1843 to 1861 inclusive, which has already expired, be hereafter omitted.

Years of Our Lord.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Sunday Letters.	Easter Day.		Years of Our Lord.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Sunday Letters.	Easter Day.	
1881	1	0	B	April	17	1891	11	20	D	March	29
1882	2	11	A	"	9	1892	12	1	C B	April	17
1883	3	22	G	March	25	1893	13	12	A	"	2
1884	4	3	F E	April	13	1894	14	23	G	March	25
1885	5	14	D	"	5	1895	15	4	F	April	14
1886	6	25	C	"	25	1896	16	15	E D	"	5
1887	7	6	B	"	10	1897	17	26	C	"	18
1888	8	17	A G	"	1	1898	18	7	B	"	10
1889	9	28	F	"	21	1899	19	18	A	"	2
1890	10	9	E	"	6						

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Geneva, N. Y., May 1, 1870.

In accordance with Canon XX, notice was given by Rev. J. F. Potter, of alteration of Canon XVII, and additions thereto, viz: "Regulating the time for making the canonical collections," and adding another object to those already existing, viz: "A fund for the unemployed clergymen of the Diocese of Albany."

The Committee on the Incorporation and Admission of Churches, presented the following report:

That they have received and have examined applications for admission into union with the churches of the Diocese,

from the following churches, which appear to be regularly incorporated, and have presented applications in writing in due form, accompanied by the papers required by the Canons, viz:

1. The Great Shepherd Church, in the town of Massena, county of St. Lawrence.

2. Trinity Church, in the village of Gloversville, county of Fulton.

3. S. Augustine's Church, in the village of Ilion, county of Herkimer.

The Committee accordingly recommend that the Great Shepherd Church, in the town of Massena, county of St. Lawrence, and Trinity Church, in the village of Gloversville, county of Fulton, and S. Augustine's Church, in the village of Ilion, county of Herkimer, be severally received into union by the Convention.

R. H. CUSHNEY,
for the Committee.

Dated Sept. 29, 1870.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received, and the churches recommended in the report were severally admitted into union with the Convention.

The Bishop then delivered his Address.

The report of the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning was presented, read and ordered printed in the Journal.

The Superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning in the State of New York, as the canonical agent of the Diocese of Albany for distributing all funds for theological education, would most respectfully report, that during the past year, from October, 1869, to October, 1870, in discharging the duty with which it was entrusted by the

Convention, the Society has received and distributed the following sums:

Received by the Treasurer from the Diocese of Albany, from October, 1869, to October, 1870,	$205 98
From the Diocese of New York during the same time	761 99
From the Diocese of Long Island during the same time	50 50
From private contributions	77 00
Total contributed for theological education,	$1,095 47

Expended during the same time for theological education:

In the Diocese of Albany	$205 98
In the Diocese of New York	761 99
In the Diocese of Long Island	50 50
Generally for theological education	77 00
Total expended for theological education	$1,095 47

It will be observed that the entire amount contributed for the cause of theological education, and entrusted to the Society for distribution, was directly applied to the object for which it was given; nothing was absorbed in the process of gathering and disbursing; every dollar bestowed went at once, without diminution, for salaries, fees or perquisites, to aid young men pursuing their studies for the sacred ministry. This distinguishing feature of the Society's work, the absence of all machinery between the donor and the recipient to consume at least a part of the offerings, ought to commend it to the generous support of the parishes of the Diocese and the liberality of earnest laymen. Certainly, an appeal of some kind seems to be called for when the grand sum total of all the money given by the Diocese of Albany during the past year, for theological education, to its own self-chosen agent for receiving and

distributing the same amounts, to two hundred and five dollars and ninety-eight cents, a sum insufficient to support a single student at a very economical estimate at any school, college or theological seminary. The Society for Promoting Religion and Learning devotes its whole income to the cause; it gave last year, and is pledged to give this, all it has to give to aid those looking forward to Holy Orders. The Society can do no more; and yet there are now over twenty young men whose applications for pecuniary assistance are in the hands of the Superintendent, who must be refused unless at least three thousand dollars are raised or pledged before the first of November next. Will not the rectors of our churches, to conclude with the words which closed his last report, since the Superintendent can find none stronger or more persuasive; will not the rectors of our churches, will not those clergymen who, when students, knew what it was to want, and better still knew what it was to be helped by the funds of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning; will not the laity, who have the ability and the disposition; make it their paramount duty to see that these applicants, now this day asking for help, are not sent empty away?

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. SEYMOUR,
Superintendent of the Society for Promoting Religion and Learning.

New York, Sept. 28, 1870.

The Tellers of the Clerical and Lay Votes for Deputies to the General Convention reported, that the following persons, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were elected:

Rev. William Payne, D.D., Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D.D., Rev. D. H. Buel, James Forsyth, Orlando Meads, G. Pomeroy Keese.

And there was still one clerical and one lay vacancy.

Another ballot being taken, the tellers reported he Rev. W. A. Snively had received a majority of all the votes cast. And there was still one lay vacancy; and on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and John T. Hoffman was elected to fill the ay vacancy.

The Bishop declared the following persons duly elected as Deputies to the General Convention:

Clerical—Rev. William Payne, D.D., Rev. J. Ireland Tucker, D.D., Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, Rev. William A. Snively. Lay—Orlando Meads, James Forsyth, G. Pomeroy Keese, John T. Hoffman.

The Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and the Trustees of the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, and the Treasurer of the same, presented their reports.

Diocese of Albany,
Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

To the Diocese of Albany:

By an act of the Legislature, passed February 16, 1870, William Croswell Doane, Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, Selden E. Marvin, Treasurer of said Diocese, James Forsyth, Orlando Meads, and John V. L. Pruyn, were constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The Trustees of he Fund for the support of the Aged and Infirm Clergy of he Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Albany."

Immediately after the passage of the above mentioned act, a certified copy of the same was sent to the Trustees of he Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York, and respectful request made of said Trustees for the

appropriation, passed by said Diocese at its last session, of ten thousand dollars to a similar fund in this Diocese.

The Trustees have received two bonds and mortgages of five thousand dollars each, both part due, upon which interest is paid semi-annually, and upon property in the city of New York, which were held by the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese of New York, and which by said Trustees have been assigned to the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany.

A receipt describing said bonds and mortgages has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York.

Whether this is the full sum of this fund due from the Diocese of New York, is left to the determination of the Convention.

Herewith is appended the report of the treasurer, of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1870. The receipts have been—

From contributions of churches	$454 44
From interest on bonds and mortgages	350 00
Total	$804 44
Total amount of disbursements	262 92
Leaving a balance in the treasury of	$541 52

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE, President,
JAMES FORSYTH,
ORLANDO MEADS,
SELDEN E. MARVIN, Treasurer,
JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
Trustees.

The letter of the Treasurer of the Fund from the Diocese of New York is transmitted for your consideration.

New York, March 18, 1870.

S. E. Marvin, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany:

My Dear Sir—I send you by express to-morrow, two bonds and mortgages for five thousand dollars each, transferred by the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of this Diocese to your corporation, being the ten thousand dollars "out of the invested funds" directed to be transferred and paid over to the Diocese of Albany; together with the assignments of the same, and the accompanying policies of insurance and abstracts of title to them respectively belonging. Below is a list of the papers sent, and a memorandum to the current interest on the mortgages.

Yours, very truly,

EDWARD F. DE LANCEY,

Treasurer of the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York.

List.

1. Bond and mortgage of William H. Radford and Eliza Radford (two instruments) to Robert J. Brown, for five thousand dollars, upon which seven per cent interest is due from November 2, 1869.

2. Assignment of same by Robert J. Brown to Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York.

3. Assignment of same from Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York to the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany.

4. Policy of Insurance for five thousand dollars in Firemen's Insurance Company, ex. May 1, 1866. No. 116,469.

5. Abstract of title to the mortgaged premises.

6. Bond and mortgage (two instruments) of Margaret M. W. Spence and Andrew Spence to the Trustees of the

Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York, for six thousand dollars, of which one thousand dollars has been heretofore paid, leaving due thereon, of principal, five thousand dollars, and seven per cent interest from January 20, 1870.

7. Assignment of same from Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of New York to Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany.

8. Policy of Insurance for four thousand dollars in Fulton Insurance Company, No. 81,066, ex. April 2, 1870.

9. Abstract of title to the mortgaged premises.

N. B.—Alexander McDonald, or his widow, is the present owner and lives on the premises mortgaged by Margaret M. W. Spence. William H. Radford is present owner and lives on the premises mortgaged by him; his wife is dead.

Mem.—The interest on the above mortgages, up to January 1, 1870, belongs to us, and from and after that date to you.

On the Radford mortgage there is due to us interest from November 2 to December 31, 1869, one month and twenty-nine days	$57 36
On the Spence bond and mortgage we have received twenty days interest from January 1 to 20, 1870, which belongs to you	19 44
Deducting which, there remains	$37 92

due from you to us, for which please send me your check. The entire Radford interest for six months, from November 2, 1869 (one hundred and seventy-five dollars), will be due you on May 2, 1870, when you will be reimbursed the amount you pay now to balance the account. Thus you will receive the principal, ten thousand dollars, and interest

:reon from January 1, 1870, up to which date our trustees :eived all the interest funds and paid all the stipendiaries both the new dioceses.

easurer's Report of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund of the Diocese of Albany.

Receipts from the following Churches:

869.			
›v.	29.	S. Peter's, Hobart	$5 27
		S. Luke's, Catskill	7 96
		S. Paul's, Troy	64 00
:c.	19.	Zion, Morris	18 13
	23.	S. Paul's, Charlton	4 75
	28.	Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	6 44
		S. Matthew's, Unadilla	9 15
	30.	Mission, Morley	2 30
		Mission, Madrid	2 00
		S. John the Evangelist, Stockport	20 06
	31.	S. George's, Schenectady	24 39
		Bethesda, Saratoga Springs	18 03
870.			
ı.	4.	S. Stephen's, Schuylerville	6 50
		Zion, Sandy Hill	15 00
		Immanuel, Otego	5 00
	10.	J. H. Van Antwerp, late Treasurer, contribution S. John the Evangelist, Stockport	15 77
:b.	1.	S. Mark's, Hoosac Falls	16 00
		Christ, Butternuts	3 10
		Christ, Cooperstown	17 81
	12.	S. John's, Ogdensburgh	50 00
	20.	Grace, Waterford	3 00
ır.	10.	S. Luke's, Mechanicville	2 11
		S. John's, Stillwater	1 14
	22.	Christ, Troy	25 00
›r.	15.	Trinity, West Troy	32 00

1870.		
May 17.	Christ Church, Ballston Spa	$20 30
Aug. 12.	Six months' interest to July 20, 1870, on bond and mortgage, Margaret M. W. and Andrew Spence	175 00
20.	Six months' interest to May 2, 1870, on bond and mortgage, William H. and Eliza Radford	175 00
	Christ, Greeneville	2 00
25.	S. Luke's, Cambridge	3 00
Sept. 24.	S. Paul's, Franklin	2 00
27.	S. Mark's, Malone	15 00
		$767 21

Disbursements.

1870.			
Jan. 22.	Amount paid Rev. D. Babcock, D.D., quarterly stipend from January 1 to April 1, 1870,	$75 00	
Mar. 22.	Amount paid Edward F. De Lancey, Treasurer Diocese New York, for balance of interest to January 1, 1870, on two bonds and mortgages, transferred by Trustees Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, Diocese of New York, to Trustees Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, Diocese of Albany	37 92	
Apr. 19.	Amount paid Rev. D. Babcock, D.D., quarterly stipend, from April 1 to July 1, 1870	75 00	

1870. June 25.	Amount paid Rev. D. Babcock, D.D., quarterly stipend, from July 1 to October 1, 1870	$75 00	
			$262 92
	Balance in treasury		$504 29
	From Grace Church, Cherry Valley		7 23
	From Holy Cross, Troy		30 00
	Balance in treasury		$541 52

Treasurer's Report of the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Receipts from the following Churches:

1869. Dec. 30.	Mission, Madrid	$1 99
	Mission, Morley	2 31
1870. Jan. 4.	S. Stephen's, Schuylerville	6 50
Feb. 1.	Christ, Cooperstown	17 81
Mar. 10.	S. Luke's, Mechanicville	2 00
	S. John's, Stillwater	91
22.	Christ, Troy	25 00
July 2.	Grace, Waterford	2 50
Aug. 25.	S. Luke's, Cambridge	2 37
Sept. 24.	Zion, Fonda	2 50
27.	S. Mark's, Malone	11 70
		$75 59

The report of the Treasurer of the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese of Albany is respectfully submitted.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE,
JAMES FORSYTH,
ORLANDO MEADS,
JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
SELDEN E. MARVIN,
Trustees.

On motion of J. V. L. Pruyn, the consideration of the reports was postponed until after the reports of the other committees on the division of funds.

John V. L. Pruyn, Chairman of the Special Committee on the Episcopal Residence, reported.

Diocese of Albany.

At a meeting of the Diocesan Committee, appointed to procure a residence for the Bishop, held at the vestry-room of S. Peter's Church, Albany, on the sixteenth day of June, 1870, at ten A. M.

Present—Messrs. Pruyn, Roy, Forsyth.

Mr. Forsyth stated that Mr. Tillinghast had informed him that he could not conveniently attend the meeting of the Committee.

Mr. John S. Perry, Chairman of the Committee appointed in Albany to collect funds for the purchase of a residence for the Bishop, attended before the Committee, and stated that a residence had been purchased for the Bishop on the northerly side of Elk street, near Hawk street, in the city of Albany, for the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, of which thirteen thousand dollars (represented, or nearly so, by subscription) had been paid in cash, leaving five thousand dollars unpaid, secured by an existing mortgage on the premises, and that the purchase had been made with the cordial approval of the Bishop.

A copy of the deed for the premises, executed by Margaret Stimson to "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany," dated 13th June, 1870, was laid before the Committee, and read; whereupon it was Resolved, That the purchase thus made of a residence for the Bishop be, and the same is hereby approved by the Committee, who desire to express their gratification that a satisfactory arrangement in this behalf has been made.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be requested to take such action as they may deem proper by way of recognition and approval of the said purchase, and to provide for the permanent use and occupation of the premises by the Bishop.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the present meeting of this Committee be reported to the next Convention of the Diocese, with the request that the Committee be discharged.

The Committee then adjourned.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
JAMES ROY,
JAMES FORSYTH.

Protestant Episcopal Church,
Diocese of Albany.

To the Convention of the Diocese:

The special Committee, appointed under a resolution of the Convention of 1869 (see printed minutes, page 27) to take such steps as might be deemed expedient to procure a residence for the Bishop, respectfully report, that they held several meetings at the vestry-room of S. Peter's Church, Albany, and received communications and heard suggestions on the subjects referred to them from various parties. For some time it seemed to be doubtful whether it would be possible, in view of the condition of the Diocese, to make arrangements to procure a house for the Bishop, by purchase, and the project of hiring one began to be entertained. In this condition of things, a fund of about thirteen thousand dollars was raised, chiefly by members of the congregation at S. Peter's, Albany, toward the purchase of the desired residence, and a meeting of the Committee was thereupon held, in regard to the matter, on the 16th day of June last. A copy of the minutes of that meeting is hereto annexed, to which your Committee beg to call attention.

With these proceedings, the action of your Committee terminated.

The title to the property was taken, as your Committee learn, in the name of "The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany," subject to the mortgage of five thousand dollars referred to in the proceedings of the Committee. The trustees of that corporation will, your Committee presume, state their action in the premises in their annual report to the present Convention.

Your Committee beg to say, that the premises referred to are well situated; the house is of good dimensions; the lot is spacious, being about fifty-two feet front by one hundred and fifty feet in depth, from Elk street to Spruce street, and that the purchase met with the cordial approval of the Bishop.

A communication in regard to certain repairs and improvements made to the house, with which, however, your Committee had no connection, will, they believe, be made to the Convention.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
JAMES ROY,
G. POMEROY KEESE,
JAMES FORSYTH,
THOS. A. TILLINGHAST.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

On motion the report was accepted.

James Forsyth presented a special report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

To the Convention:

The undersigned, as Trustees of the Episcopal Endowment Fund, only (under their act of incorporation) desire to state to the Convention, that they have had placed in them,

by the Committee appointed to procure a residence for the Bishop, the title of the house, No. 19 Elk street, in the city of Albany (and the lot adjoining), now occupied by the Bishop.

At a meeting of the undersigned Trustees, held on the 16th day of June last, it was Resolved, unanimously, That doubts existing as to the legal right of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund to hold such title, they would consent to do so only until the next Convention should appoint a separate Board of Trustees to take and hold title to said property as and for a residence for the Bishop.

We, therefore, respectfully request that your body will appoint a "Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Residence," to which we can transfer said title.

Respectfully submitted.

H. Pumpelly,
James Forsyth,
Jonas C. Heartt,
J. H. Van Antwerp,
Wm. H. De Witt (absent in Europe).

On motion, the report was accepted.

James Forsyth presented the report of the Committee to procure Acts of Incorporation.

To the Convention:

The Committee, appointed at the last Convention, to procure Acts of Incorporation, respectfully report, that the following acts, relating to the affairs of this Diocese, were passed by the last Legislature:

1. An act to incorporate the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the the Diocese of Albany. Passed Feb. 16, 1870. Chap. 13, Laws of 1870, p. 19.

2. An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Fund for the support of Aged and Infirm Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Albany. Passed Feb. 16, 1870. Chap. 14, Laws of 1870, p. 21.

3. An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Albany. Passed Feb. 16, 1870. Chap. 15, Laws of 1870, p. 23.

4. An act to enable the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany to obtain an equitable portion of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New York. Passed May 12, 1870. Chap. 783, Laws of 1870, p. 2,011.

JOHN V. L. PRUYN,
JAMES FORSYTH,
ORLANDO MEADS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

James Forsyth presented a report of the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Albany:

The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany beg leave to report, for the information of the Convention, that in pursuance of the object contemplated in the enactment by the Legislature of 1870 of an act entitled "An act to enable the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany to obtain an equitable portion of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New York," passed May 12, 1870, they have caused a notice in writing to be served on the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund in the Diocese of New York, of which the following is a copy:

To William E. Dunscomb, Esq., and others, the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New York:

Gents—Your attention is called to the provisions of an act passed at the last session of the Legislature (chap. 783, soon to be published in the volume of Laws), authorizing legal proceedings on the part of the undersigned, as Trustees of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany, against your Board for an equitable portion of the fund held by you, to be paid over to the undersigned for the support of the Episcopate in the Diocese of Albany. And you will please to take notice that we hereby demand of you, as a preliminary measure, before availing ourselves of the provisions of said act, the payment to us as such Trustees of such equitable portion of said fund, to the end that the sum of forty thousand dollars, which was contemplated and named at the time of the division of the Diocese as the proper and equitable portion to be contributed by the mother Diocese for the support of the Episcopate in the new Diocese of Albany, may be as soon as possible realized and invested for the purposes aforesaid.

We have the honor to remain, your obedient servants,

Wm. H. De Witt,
H. Pumpelly,
J. H. Van Antwerp,
James Forsyth,
Jonas C. Heartt,
Trustees of the Episcopal Fund
of the Diocese of Albany.

Dated Sept. 20, 1870.

And the Trustees hereby submit the foregoing statement of facts, and ask the further order of the Convention thereon.

H. Pumpelly,
James Forsyth.

Dated Sept. 28, 1870.

The report was laid over for consideration.

Rev. S. B. Bostwick, presented the report of the Committee on Conference wlth a similar Committee of the Dioceses of New York and Long Island.

The Committee appointed by this Convention on the apportionment of the Charitable Funds belonging to the Diocese of New York before its late division, beg leave to present the following report:

Although your Committe was appointed to act in conference with similar committees on the part of the Dioceses of New York and Long Island, yet no conference has been held. At the Convention before the division in 1868, a committee was appointed to report on this subject to the next Convention of the Diocese of New York. They made their report, and it is to be found at page 59 of the Journal of the Convention of that Diocese for 1869. The Dioceses of Albany and Long Island had no voice in that Committee, and, of course, no opportunity to express their views upon the proposed plan of apportionment.

There are two funds included within the scope of your Committee's consideration. They are, the Fund for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, and the Parochial Fund. At the time of the division of the Diocese, the first of these funds amounted to $54,700, and the second to $4,400.

As a basis on which to make their proposed apportionment, the Committee appointed in the New York Convention of 1868 instituted an inquiry into the amounts that had been contributed to these funds from each of the territories included within the limits of the present Dioceses of New York, Albany and Long Island. In order that this Convention may fully understand the views of that Committee, and their proposed plan of apportionment, your Committee present the following extract from their report:

"The Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen was commenced in the year of our Lord 1842. From an examination of the Journals of this Convention, * * * it is ascertained that the contributions by collections in the churches during that period amounted to $92,669.03, and that there was received from legacies the additional sum of $6,500, making an aggregate of $99,169.03; and it further appears, that of these contributions, there came from that part of the Diocese constituting the present Diocese of New York, the sum of $67,809.06; from what is now the Diocese of Long Island, $15,019.20; and from what is now the Diocese of Albany, $9,840.77; while, of the $6,500 received by bequest, above $5,500 was given within the limits of this Diocese, besides the sum above stated of contributions from its churches. In other words, about seventy-five per cent of the aggregate of contributions came from the present Diocese of New York, about fifteen per cent from the Diocese of Long Island as now constituted, and about ten per cent from the Diocese of Albany.

"From the report made by the Trustees to the Convention, in 1868, it appears that the invested fund then amounted to $54,700, including the amounts received by bequest. This is the sum to be now apportioned, the remainder of the aggregate of nearly $100,000 having been disbursed, from year to year, for the charitable purposes of the trust.

"After due consideration and deliberation, the Committee, desiring to deal with the subject referred to them in the most liberal manner, and to secure the largest results for good to all parties concerned, have decided to recommend that there be returned to the Dioceses of Long Island and Albany, respectively, from the present invested funds, amounts equal to the sums of the contributions of the whole fund since its foundation, from churches in those parts of the old Diocese now comprised within the new ones; or, in other words, that the Diocese of New York assume to itself the entire disbursement thus far, and retain of the invested balance a

part very much less than one-half of its whole contributions to the aggregate receipts up to this time."

Such is the view which that Committee take of the rule that should be applied to the apportionment of these funds. But your Committee beg leave to present another view of this subject. Instead of reckoning up what each portion of the original Diocese has contributed to these funds, without regard to the ability or inability of such portion, we place ourselves upon the ground that we are an equal and co-ordinate Diocese with the other two of which the former Diocese was composed, and that we have equal rights and privileges in the common heritage.

The funds under consideration were raised by the original Diocese, and became its common property. There was no sectional or territorial claim put upon them. No condition was attached to them directing that, in the event of a division of the Diocese, this or that portion of them should belong to this or that new Diocese. The sole condition upon which they were accumulated was, that they should be applied to the objects for which they were raised.

In order, therefore, to justify the proposed territorial apportionment, it should be shown that at the origin of those funds, or in the course of their accumulation, there was a stipulation made that, in the event of a division of the Diocese, each portion of the original Diocese should receive back what it had contributed. If, for example, it can be shown that any contribution has been made upon the condition that it shall ultimately belong to the Diocese in which the city of Albany is situated, then we claim that contribution. And we accord the same right to the other Dioceses.

There are funds belonging to the original Diocese which were given upon conditions. This is true of the "Sands Fund," and of a portion of the Episcopal Fund. The "Sands Fund" was given with this stipulation, that, "in case the present Diocese of New York should at any future time be divided, this fund shall always belong to that por-

tion of the Diocese of which the city of New York shall form a part." So of the Episcopal Fund. Trinity Church contributed $65,000 to it upon a like condition. We lay no claim to the "Sands Fund," or to that portion of the Episcopal Fund which is thus conditioned. But upon the unconditional funds of the original Diocese we lay an equal claim with the other two Dioceses.

We cannot admit that either of the three Dioceses takes precedence of the others in these matters, or succeeds to any peculiar rights and privileges. The present Diocese of New York is not the original Diocese, or identical with it. It can prefer no special claims. It has taken an equal part in effecting the division, and must share in its necessary consequences. Two equal, independent and co-ordinate Dioceses stand with it as component parts of the original Diocese, and common partners in it. It shares with them the common territory—it must share the common funds. To discriminate in the acquisition of these funds, and limit their distribution to the particular sections from which they originated, is but an after-thought, never contemplated either in their origin or their accumulation.

Nor has any such principle ever been recognized in their actual distribution. If a disabled minister appealed to the Fund for the relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, it was never asked to what part of the Diocese he belonged, nor how much his parish had contributed to that fund. He might have been the minister of a feeble missionary station that had never contributed anything; yet its clergyman fared equally with the rest.

At the original division of the Diocese of New York, in 1838, a very liberal policy was pursued towards the new Diocese of Western New York. She received $35,000 of the Episcopal Fund, which was all that could be given her, the remaining $65,000 being necessarily retained to the Diocese in which the city of New York was situated, by virtue of the stipulation with Trinity Church. The whole

of the permanent Missionary Fund was also given her, together with additional aid for several years. We do not expect any such generosity towards ourselves, but we ask, at least, what we consider is justly due to an equal and co-ordinate Diocese.

Your Committee, in conclusion, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Fund for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen of this Diocese be, and they are hereby directed to apply to the Trustees now having charge of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund which belonged to the Diocese of New York at the time of its division in 1868, and request the payment to them of one-third of the said fund, being the proportion which this Convention considers due to the Diocese of Albany.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Parochial Fund be, and they are hereby directed to apply to the Trustees now in possession of the Parochial Fund belonging to the Diocese of New York at the time of its division in 1868, and request the payment to them of one-third of the said fund, being the proportion which this Convention considers due to the Diocese of Albany.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK,
J. IRELAND TUCKER,
J. H. VAN ANTWERP,
W. R. JOHNSON,
W. H. DE WITT.

Albany, Sept. 28, 1870.

On motion, the report was received and laid over for consideration.

The Tellers of the Clerical and Lay Vote for Provisional Deputies reported that the following persons, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were elected:

Rev. George H. Walsh, Rev. J. H. H. Brown, R. H. Cushney, George B. Warren, Samuel Nelson, J. V. L. Pruyn.

There being still two vacancies in the Clerical Deputies.

The ballot was dispensed with, and Rev. J. S. Kidney and Rev. E. N. Potter, D.D., were elected.

The Bishop then declared elected, as Provisional Deputies to the General Convention—

Clerical—Rev. G. H. Walsh, Rev. E. N. Potter, D.D., Rev. J. S. Kidney, Rev. J. H. H. Brown.
Lay—R. H. Cushney, Samuel Nelson, George B. Warren, J. V. L. Pruyn.

The delegation from S. Peter's, Albany, announced, that after consultations with the delegations from West Troy, S. Paul's and S. John's, Troy, S. Paul's, Albany, that the five parishes above named presented the Diocese with the mileage of the Clergy.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Wenman, Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the churches in Albany, Troy and West Troy, for so generously contributing to the Diocesan Fund for the mileage of the Clergy attending this Convention.

James Forsyth presented and read the majority report of the Committee on Division of the Diocese, and Rev. J. S. Kidney presented and read a minority report.

The Committee, appointed under a resolution of the last annual Convention of the Diocese, to whom was referred those portions of the Bishop's Address which suggest a division of the Diocese of Albany, to consider and report

thereon to the next annual Convention, beg leave to present the following report:

The Committee have endeavored to give the subject referred to them all the consideration its importance demands. They have had two meetings. The first, on the 15th of September instant, was but partially attended. The second, an adjourned meeting, held on the 27th instant.

Those portions of the Bishop's Address which suggest a division of the Diocese, may be found on pages 32 and 33 of the Journal of the last Convention, where the Bishop, in speaking of the necessary hurriedness of his visitations, says: "I must give due notice, that until this Diocese is broken into three, and Troy becomes one See city for the counties across the river, and either Ogdensburgh or Plattsburgh the other, the Bishop's work will not, and cannot, be done here as it ought to be. I speak of this in passing, but it is a necessity which you will feel yourselves soon, as I feel it now; and I hope you will take such measures of preparation as will find you ready for it when it comes."

It will be observed, that by these words of the Bishop, not only is the necessity for a division of the Diocese asserted, in order that the Bishop's work may be done as it ought to be in his Diocese after the division, but the erection of two new Dioceses out of the present Diocese of Albany is suggested.

The Committee thus find themselves in possession of the whole subject of the division of the Diocese, and they proceed to give the Convention the result of their investigations bearing upon this subject, and also their opinion as to what is best to be done, after as full a consideration of the whole case as the circumstances admit of.

The statistics bearing upon this subject which the Committee have availed themselves of, are furnished by the records and journals of the Convention of the Diocese of Albany, the mother Diocese of New York, and also those of the General Convention of 1868, together with such

recent statistics of other new Dioceses which were erected simultaneously with our own, as have been duly authenticated and published.

The question as to the constitutionality of erecting more than one new Diocese within the limits of a Diocese, at one and the same time, the Committee consider to have been put at rest by the action of the mother Diocese in erecting the two Dioceses of Albany and Long Island within her own limits at the same time (1867), and also by the recent action of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois in erecting two new Dioceses at the same time within her own limits, at its late session held during the current month.

Again, what might appear to be a constitutional objection under the fifth article of the Constitution, which declares "that no new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of any other Diocese, which shall contain less than fifteen self-supporting parishes, or less than fifteen presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a bishop," is removed beyond any reasonable ground of apprehension, when we consider that the General Convention in 1868 reformed this article in this respect (so far as it was competent for one General Convention to alter or amend the Constitution), so as to declare, "that no new Diocese shall be formed within the limits of another Diocese which shall contain less than six parishes, or less than six presbyters, who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a bishop."

The subject is thus cleared of all doubts and difficulties, as to the right and power of this Convention to take measures, initiatory, to divide the Diocese, and to erect two new Dioceses within its limits. And we may now direct our attention to the practicability and expediency of the Bishop's suggestions.

It would seem to be quite conclusive on the point, as to the necessity for a division, when the chief pastor of this Diocese — a person so distinguished for his talents, energy and devotion in the cause of the church in this Diocese — declares, that his work cannot be done as it ought to be, in the present extended limits of the Diocese. No one knows so well as he, what that work is; no one can bring more ability, industry and devotion to its faithful performance, and if the work cannot be done by him as it ought to be done, the reason — why not? — must be sought for outside of what human faculties, in their best condition, may attain to.

It is found, however, in the fact, that our Diocese is geographically too large for any one bishop to administer with efficiency. It still contains nearly double the number of square miles of the next largest Diocese in the State, and more than three other Dioceses together, which may be named, in the State. It is spread over 21,000 square miles in nineteen counties, and lacks compactness; it is long, and with its See city one hundred and fifty miles from its frontier, and it has at least three or four distinct systems of trade and intercourse, and each system having a leading town for its center or radiating point. With a population of 824,000, it has 8,000 communicants, or one communicant to each one hundred and four people, spread over this large area.

There are other considerations which have had force with the Committee, on the expediency of a division of the Diocese. A spirit of emulation between the Dioceses, situated as these would be, might be turned to the account of the church. Much of church enterprise, zeal and liberality would be evoked by the proposed division.

And Ogdensburgh, as the four northernmost counties may be designated, is not as favorably placed as it would be with a Diocese of its own. It is largely made up of missionary ground, and the pulsations of church life have been for

eighty years feebly felt in this district, so remote from the centers of strength and vitality. It is a part of this Diocese, and this Diocese is less able to do for it than the old Diocese was, from which it was recently shaken off. Situated as it is, it cannot successfully appeal for aid to the church at large, for its entreaties are repulsed on the ground that it belongs to Albany, and Albany should take care of its own. Put away by the common mother, and put upon a shorter allowance than ever before, and with the rivulets of foreign sympathy and support dried up, or turned from it in this way, what is to become of this district which has tried belonging to a great Diocese for eighty years?

The opinion is respectfully submitted, that if this district was erected into a Diocese, all these conditions would be changed, and it would become a field of church life, activity and liberality.

With an independent organization, a center of operations of its own, a bishop and clergy near to, and among the people, a sense of strength, self-reliance and activity would spring up; life, zeal and liberality in church work be stimulated at home, and confidence given and sympathy aroused in her behalf abroad.

In view of the church's recent experience in the division of Dioceses, the Committee cannot regard these views as speculative.

The comparative efficiency of the church in any given district of country may be measured or tested by observing the proportion which the clergy and communicants bear to the whole population.

The present Diocese of Albany may be broken into three, so that the counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex, now forming the Convocation of Ogdensburgh, may be erected into a Diocese; the counties of Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Rensselaer and Columbia, all (except Columbia) in the present Convocation of Troy, may also be erected into a Diocese, leaving the Diocese of Albany,

embracing the counties of Albany, Schenectady, Greene, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton, Delaware, Otsego, Herkimer and Hamilton.

After the proposed division, Albany will have ten counties; area, 9,214 square miles.

Population.	Clergymen.	Population to each Clergyman.	Communicants.	Population to each Communicant.
389,565	44	8,854	3,789	103

1. Albany.
2. Schenectady.
3. Greene.
4. Schoharie.
5. Montgomery.
6. Fulton.
7. Delaware.
8. Otsego.
9. Herkimer.
10. Hamilton.

Troy, five counties; area, 4,058 square miles.

Population.	Clergymen.	Population to each Clergyman.	Communicants.	Population to each Communicant.
250,379	28	8,942	2,890	87

1. Warren.
2. Saratoga.
3. Washington.
4. Rensselaer.
5. Columbia.

Ogdensburgh, four counties; area, 7,616 square miles.

Population.	Clergymen.	Population to each Clergyman.	Communicants.	Population to each Communicant.
183,926	14	13,138	1,208	152

1. St. Lawrence.
2. Franklin.
3. Clinton.
4. Essex.

And each of the three Dioceses will be compact and concentric, having, to a good degree, both natural and artificial means of communication with their respective chief towns,

and also be in a great measure homogeneous, with well established business and social relations.

The statistics of ten or eleven Dioceses have been collated, with a view to a comparison, so as to show how the new Dioceses will stand relatively, which may aid the Convention in forming a judgment upon this subject. They show the population, number of clergymen, population to each clergyman, the number of communicants, and the population to each communicant.

It will be noticed that the proposed new Dioceses will stand respectable among our older Dioceses.

Diocese.	Population.	Number of Clergymen.	Population to each Clergyman.	Communicants.	Population to each Communicant.
Ohio	2,339,599	105	22,282	8,310	165
Pennsylvania	2,093,613	209	10,017	20,196	104
New York.....	1,250,000	287	4,355	20,000	63
New Jersey.....	800,000	123	6,504	9,499	84
Connecticut	460,151	158	2,912	16,609	28
Rhode Island	174,621	40	4,366	4,533	39
Delaware	112,218	26	4,316	1,576	72
Albany	823,870	86	9,580	7,887	104
Troy.....	250,379	28	8,942	2,890	87
Ogdensburgh	183,926	14	13,138	1,208	152
Nebraska	100,000	22	4,545	843	119

To show what small Dioceses may do in the way of church work. Here is Nebraska, the latest erected, and with the smallest population of this list.

It is not quite five years since she got a Bishop (Clarkson), and with a population of 100,000, a number not so large but that the Bishop could attend to them thoroughly.

Nearly two years ago, the Bishop reported that he had raised, by personal appeal, from the Church at large, about

$75,000, besides what the Domestic Committee had appropriated to him; that he had founded both boys' and girls' schools, and that there was not a place in his Diocese having a population of five hundred in which there was not either an organized parish or a mission station!

Now, what is the result in our four northern counties (which could be put into a Diocese, and the Bishop could attend to them thoroughly)? They have been over eighty years under the Bishop of New York. To-day they have nearly double the population of Nebraska (viz: 184,000 to 100,000), and only two-thirds the number of clergy (14 to 22). Nebraska has over two-thirds as many communicants (843) in four years, out of 100,000 people, as Ogdensburgh has (viz: 1,208) in eighty years of toiling at the New York Diocese, out of 184,000 people!

Nebraska has one communicant out of 119 people.

Ogdensburgh has one communicant out of 152 people.

Ogdensburgh, proceeding upon the ratio which Nebraska has shown, ought to have now forty clergymen instead of fourteen, and 1,517 communicants instead of 1,200, and then only show in eighty years' work what Nebraska has done in four years! Nor should it be overlooked, that in all that time not a single Church school has been established in those four counties, or the attempt made to start one.

Again, look at the desolation in those four counties for want of Church work.

Out of a population of 183,926 in Ogdensburgh, the total uncared for by the Church is 93,651, or over 50 per cent of population. Offerings, $16,830.

Out of a population of 250,379 in Troy, 122,646, or about 49 per cent of population. Offerings, $71,499.

Out of a population of 389,565 in Albany, 160,340, or over 41 per cent of population. Offerings, $96,874.

The following list of towns in that district shows the want of Church work:

Diocese of Ogdensburgh.

St. Lawrence County.	
Hammond	1,819
Rossie	1,838
Macomb	1,788
De Peyster	1,137
De Kalb	3.102
Hermon	1.667
Fowler	1,748
Edwards	1,180
Pitcairn	558
Russell	2,625
Pierrepont	2.423
Colton	1,481
Hopkinton	1.941
Parishville	2.319
Stockholm	3 770
Louisville	2,237
Brasher	3,348
17 towns	35.011

Franklin County.	
Bombay	1.689
Fort Covington	2,383
Westville	1,675
Constable	1,520
Bangor	2,180
Burke	1,929
Chateaugay	2,843
Belmont	1,492
Franklin	1,070
Brandon	821
Dickinson	1.783
11 towns	19 355

Essex County.	
Wilmington	806
Jay	2.279
Lewis	1,774
Keene	770
Elizabethtown	1,592
Moriah	4,640
North Hudson	575
Crown Point	2.666
Schroon	1,688
Minerva	1.082
10 towns	17,872

Clinton County	
Clinton	1,786
Altona	1,820
Dannemora	1 371
Beekmantown	2,708
Saranac	3,623
Schuyler's Falls	1,871
Peru	3.087
Mooers	4 202
Ellenburgh	3 919
9 towns	24,387

Forty-seven towns in these four counties and 93,000 people who are not reached by the Church.

The foregoing list of towns, in which the Church is not doing anything, had they been in Nebraska, would all have had parishes or mission stations.

And who doubts but that if they were in a Diocese by themselves, they would be better off in this respect?

It is evident that this district (of four counties, 184,000 population), after eighty years of Episcopacy, in a large Diocese, is nothing like as well off, and shows far less church vigor than the Diocese of Nebraska, with 100,000 population, but which has a bishop to see to it.

And, in the proposed Diocese of Troy, of five counties and 250,000 people, where the Church, at a few points is active and influential, yet the aggregate population of towns

still neglected, in these five counties, is greater than in Ogdensburgh; it is no less than 122,546.

The old Diocese of New York could do nothing to permeate these masses, and the new Diocese of Albany can do little more. See Bishop's Address, Journal, 1869, p. 32.

It is not so much for the lack of money, but for the lack of church machinery and organization to use money advantageously, and judiciously brought to bear directly on these people by the personal presence of a bishop and his clergy among them. These masses can only be worked up in this way to pay for their own religious privileges and church services, by organizing Dioceses, not so much over them as among them. If the United States government is weak in some far wilderness among the settlers, it organizes a territorial government at once, and sends a governor, judge and marshal, to preserve order in their midst, and so they grow up into a State and become a loyal tax-paying people. So must the Church go right amongst these masses, and assert itself, through its organization of bishops and clergy.

An assault must be made by the Church, and it cannot be successfully made by the general at Albany using a picket guard on the frontier, one hundred and fifty miles away, who are looking to Albany for their pay and supplies. But it must be made by a general and troops upon the spot, who know "the situation" and how to take advantage of it, and who are ready and prepared to forage upon the enemy, as their main source of pay and supplies.

Supposing the two Dioceses of Troy and Ogdensburgh to be erected, let us see how they would compare with some of the existing Dioceses.

Ogdensburgh, with only its present number of clergy (fourteen), would be the smallest organized Diocese on the list. But many of the Dioceses have numbered less clergy than that, until a year or two ago.

In 1868, Florida had only ten, and Kansas only twelve, and now Kansas has only fifteen, Florida sixteen, Maine

nineteen, Texas twenty, and New Hampshire and Nebraska each twenty-two. But each of these, and many others, at the time of electing their first bishop, had less than Ogdensburgh has now. Probably Ogdensburgh would have twenty or twenty-five to go into the election of the first bishop, if erected now into a Diocese.

If the number of communicants is taken as the standard of comparison, Ogdensburgh, with one thousand two hundred and eight, will now outrank Florida, Kansas, New Hampshire and Nebraska.

If we make the amount of contributions the standard, Ogdensburgh will outrank Florida, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont — eleven Dioceses. This would be at least a respectable position for Ogdensburgh among the Dioceses.

Let us see how Troy, with its five counties, would stand among the Dioceses.

In the number of clergy (twenty-eight) it would be equal to Alabama and Vermont, and would exceed Delaware, Easton, Florida, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Texas — nine Dioceses.

In the number of its communicants (two thousand eight hundred and ninety), it would outrank Alabama, California, Delaware, Easton, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont — nineteen Dioceses.

In the amount of its contributions, Troy would outrank Alabama, California, Delaware, Easton, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Virginia — twenty-two Dioceses.

Probably Troy could provide for a bishop.

We may here anticipate the old standing objection of doubtful and timid men, toward every forward movement

of the Church, viz: the burden of supporting the Episcopate.

The short answer to it is the fact, that the increase of energy, zeal and liberality in every such new organization is, invariably, many times as much, even in the first year, as the cost of a bishop's support.

No outlay or investment pays larger or prompter returns. The first year of the Bishop of Albany showed a total of contributions in his Diocese of nearly $200,000! Who would have believed it possible four years ago?

So it is in Pittsburg, in Long Island and in Central New York. It seems to be a general law, and in view of it, what becomes of this convenient subterfuge of timid men?

Besides, the Episcopate, in our new Dioceses, has no occasion to assume such proportions as are indulged in the older Dioceses. They are the growth of time, and the "fashion of the world" will gain sway fast enough, even in the Church, without giving it too great an advantage on the start.

It seems to be the invariable result of the creation of a new Diocese out of an old one, that a more vigorous growth than before is imparted to the new one, and also to that which is left of the old one.

Look at the old Diocese of New York before the first division in 1838.

Three years before, in 1835, when it was determined to divide, the whole State of New York, for each of the three previous years, had averaged 2,027 baptisms, 829 confirmations, and there were 9,738 communicants.

Within three years after the division, the eastern Diocese reported for those three years an annual average of 3,314 baptisms, 1,022 confirmations, 10,272 communicants. They had more than made up the loss of the whole Diocese of Western New York.

In the same time, the Diocese of Western New York, starting in 1838, had got an annual average in three years of 787 baptisms, 503 confirmations, 4,412 communicants;

and in three years more, they had got an annual average of 1,006 baptisms, 568 confirmations, 5,369 communicants, in the new Diocese of Western New York.

That is what division did in the State of New York thirty years ago.

2. Take the case of Pennsylvania and Pittsburg.

In 1864, when the statistics were taken, upon which the division of 1865 was made, that portion of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which was set off into Pittsburg Diocese, had only 431 baptisms, 197 confirmations, 1,963 communicants, and $32,000 contributions in a year.

After it got a Bishop of its own, its baptisms are from 700 to 800, confirmations, 400 to 500, each year, and the communicants have gone over 3,000; and its contributions have run up from $32,000 to $98,000, $130,000 and $145,243.

Meanwhile, the old Diocese of Pennsylvania had taken in new vigor; and she that in 1865, the year of the division, reported 3,737 baptisms, 1,553 confirmations, 22,041 communicants, has in five years caught up in these items of growth, and this year reports 3,604 baptisms, 1,665 confirmations, 22,035 communicants; while the contributions, which in 1865 were only $235,729 from the whole State, are now no less than $891,052 from the old Diocese alone.

Now look at Maryland and the new Diocese of Easton, comprising the counties on the eastern shore of that State, erected in 1868.

In that year, the whole State of Maryland reported 2,182 baptisms, 1,085 confirmations, 12,269 communicants, and $145,348 contributions.

In two years the old Diocese made up for the loss of the whole Diocese of Easton, and beat her old statistics on every point, showing this year 2,194 baptisms, 1,907 confirmations, 12,743 communicants, and $173,709 of contributions.

Meantime, the new Diocese of Easton, covering a rural population and no large towns or cities, shows 310 baptisms

(240 last year), 192 confirmations, 1,726 communicants, and $11,581 contributions. Besides, she has got an Episcopal Fund of $52,460, and only $7,630 of this came from the old Diocese.

Again, take the case of the last division here in New York, although we have not full statistics for this year. But the old, undivided Diocese in 1868 (the year of division) reported 3,891 baptisms, 1,974 confirmations, 22,177 communicants. And the very next year (1869), after losing two whole Dioceses, yet reports for the remainder almost as much, viz: 3,661 baptisms, an increase of confirmations, viz: 2,140, and almost as many communicants as before, viz: 20,155; while, in contributions, the year before division (1867) gave $494,983, and the year after division (1869) gave 568,351.

So Long Island, the first year of its existence as a new Diocese, increased its number of baptisms from 1,694 to 1,950, its confirmations from 725 to 1,255, its communicants from 9,014 to 10,307, and its contributions from $211,815 to $318,786.

As to Albany, its first year has increased its baptisms from 1,130 to 1,354, its communicants from 6,534 to 7,946, and its contributions from $117,273 to $191,403.

As to Central New York, we have not the means at hand for so full a comparison. But the first year of the new Diocese has carried up the contributions to $181,425 (a very large figure for that district, we must say).

And taking the contributions of the two Dioceses together (Western and Central New York), showing in one year a clear money gain of $66,720 by starting the new Diocese.

These are all the divisions of dioceses that have yet occurred. And these facts and results all tell one story, which is, that to divide a diocese increases greatly, and increases immediately, the strength of the Church in both parts, and stimulates liberality even more than the other work of the Church.

Wherefore, your Committee are of the opinion that the uggestions of the Bishop in regard to the division of this Diocese, contained in his last annual address to the Con-ention, are wise, practicable and expedient, and should eceive the approval of this Convention, together with its rompt action in carrying the same into effect.

The Committee would recommend, in case the proposed livision takes place, that the contributions to the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese heretofore made from each of the listricts now proposed to be erected into a Diocese, should e returned to them respectively, to form a nucleus of an Episcopal Fund in each of the said new Dioceses. And hat one-third of all that may be realized out of the Epis-opal Fund of the old Diocese of New York, or from con-ributions from that Diocese towards the endowment of the Episcopate in Albany, shall be paid to each of the three Dioceses, viz: of Albany and the two new Dioceses which nay be erected therefrom, for the endowment of the Epis-opate in each respectively.

In regard to the names by which the proposed new Dio-eses should be called, in the event of their being formed. The Committee are of opinion that this should be left to the Dioceses respectively, to be determined by them at their rimary conventions, subject to the approval of the Bishop f Albany.

Your Committee desire to say that the Bishop has left his subject where his address left it, entirely to them, and hat even those valued members of the Committee who are lergymen have not interposed to give form or complexion o this report; and, much as we may regret the want of heir valuable knowledge and assistance in projecting a plan f this nature, they have, from motives of delicacy, abstained, nd the report must be regarded as an emanation from the ay members of the Committee, and its errors and short-omings are chargeable to them.

The Committee beg leave to recommend for adoption the ollowing resolutions:

I. That a new Diocese be erected in the present Diocese of Albany, to consist of the counties of Columbia, Rensselaer, Washington, Saratoga and Warren; that such division take effect on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1871, and that the Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention present this resolution, accompanied by a copy of the foregoing report, duly authenticated, to that body, and request its consent to and ratification of the same.

II. That a new Diocese be erected in the present Diocese of Albany, to consist of the counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex; that such division take effect on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1871, and that the Delegates from this Diocese to the General Convention present this resolution, accompanied by a copy of the foregoing report, duly authenticated, to that body, and request its consent to and ratification of the same.

III. That the names of the new Dioceses respectively be determined by the primary convention thereof, with the consent of the Bishop of Albany.

IV. That, in case of a division, the funds heretofore contributed to the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Albany, from each of the districts therein erected into a Diocese, shall be returned to them respectively, to be held for the uses and purposes of a fund towards the support of the Episcopate in each, and that one-third part of all that may be realized out of the Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of New York, or from contributions from that Diocese towards the endowment of the Episcopate of Albany, shall be paid to each of the three Dioceses, viz: of Albany and the two new Dioceses which may be erected therefrom, for the endowment of the Episcopate in each respectively.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FORSYTH,
FRANCIS N. MANN,
JAMES GIBSON,
J. IRELAND TUCKER.

The undersigned members of the Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's address to the Convention of 1869, as relates to the division of the Diocese, respectfully report, that they are unable to sign the report prepared and read by the majority of said Committee, for reasons which they will briefly indicate. In the first place, because it does not appear that the clergy and laity within the counties recommended to be associated with the county of Rensselaer in the formation of a new Diocese, have expressed their willingness or desire for any such division; on which account the undersigned members of your Committee cannot recommend the passage of the first resolution in the majority report, believing such action, on the part of the Convention, premature; that the Committee should have confined itself to the expression of an opinion, and that the first action should spring from the clergy and laity of the proposed Diocese, after full consultation among themselves.

The undersigned, however, would be willing to consent to recommend the resolution, did it appear in the report that the clergy and the laity within those counties were desirous of such division, and were willing and able to undertake the support of its Bishop.

The undersigned being resident within the bounds of the counties named in the second resolution of the majority report, do emphatically dissent from recommending the passage of said resolution, on the ground that neither clergy nor laity generally therein desire any such division; that while some such separation may be desirable in time to come, and perhaps before many years; the proposition to make it, and, indeed, the discussion of it, is premature, and not likely to result in the benefit of the Church within those counties.

The undersigned not being able to express all the reasons of this report without a full discussion, into which they do not find they have time to enter, content themselves with the above reasons for dissent, which they consider irrefragable.

They, therefore, do not recommend any action on the part of this Convention.

J. S. Kidney,
D. Finley.

The reports were accepted and made the special order of the day, for eight o'clock this evening.

The Convention then took a recess until four o'clock P. M.

The Convention then reassembled.

Evening Prayer was said, Rev. Messrs. Hale, Hall, Gregory, Hobbie, officiating.

After the services, the Bishop of the Diocese took the Chair and called the Convention to order.

Rev. John Townsend presented the report of the Committee on the Diocesan Fund:

The Committee on the Diocesan Fund respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the report of the Treasurer, from which they have ascertained that there is a large amount owed by the Diocese for printing and other matters, which should claim the attention of the Convention before any further appropriations are made. The gross amount of this indebtedness is about $900.

They also find that sixty-five Parishes have paid the whole or part of the assessments made upon them for this Fund. Some Parishes seem to have misunderstood the rate of assessment laid upon them, and so have not paid all that was due. Others have neglected the matter altogether.

The gross amount which ought to be expected from the assessment, as near as can be ascertained, is about $1,450. The amount received this year has been $1,324.16. A portion of this sum has been paid on account of back assessments.

In addition to the indebtedness of $900 already mentioned, the sum of $250 has also to be provided for to meet the assessment laid upon the Diocese for the expenses of the General Convention.

As nearly as can be ascertained, if the assessments still due are paid up, and the full amount of assessments levied for this year are also paid, it is supposed that the necessary

expenses for printing the Journal, incidental expenses, and some $400 on the present indebtedness can be met. This still leaves $500 of indebtedness to be provided for, and allows no provision for paying anything for the mileage of the Clergy.

In view of the present condition of the finances of the Diocese, the Committee can only recommend the immediate provision for meeting existing indebtedness, and the utmost economy in making appropriations.

The Committee offer the following resolutions:

That the existing indebtedness of the Diocese be made a first charge upon any funds coming into the hands of the Treasurer of the Diocese. That the Treasurer be directed to pay the expenses of this Convention, for the printing of the Journal, and the quota of this Diocese toward the expenses of the General Convention, out of any balance remaining in his hands.

Resolved, In view of the fact that certain Parishes in Albany, Troy and West Troy, having made a special subscription to the Diocesan Fund, to provide for the purpose, that the Treasurer of the Fund pay to the Clergy who reside more than twenty miles from the place of the meeting of the Convention, seven cents per mile for every mile of the distance from their respective Parishes.

JOHN TOWNSEND,
Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That the Diocesan Fund Committee be authorized to make a special assessment for the coming year—the present deficiency in the fund—on or before the first day of December.

Rev. J. H. Babcock presented the report of the Committee on Church Education.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, in 1869, to report upon "the subject of a Church

School for girls, and also upon the general subject of Church Education," respectfully report:

It is the opinion of the Committee that churchmen do not yet begin to appreciate the importance of Christian education. Notwithstanding all that has been said and written by clergy and laity in General and Diocesan Conventions, at Convocations, and in numerous periodicals, we seem not to realize our duty, and not to be conscious of the importance of the position that we might hold, if we would only go in and possess the vantage ground that lies open for us to occupy. The actual influence which the Church in this country does exert upon the public mind, compared with that which she might exert; the comparatively small effect upon the national mode of thought and views of life that is produced by a religious body which has such an admirable system of training as we have; the little that we have thus far done in comparison with what it might justly have been expected we would do in determining the character and tone of the nation,—lead your Committee to the conclusion, that churchmen do not feel their duty and perceive their advantage.

I. Such being our opinion, the Committee beg to revert to a few general principles which are admitted to be correct by all Christians who receive the Gospel as it was given.

1. As declared by a resolution of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the last General Convention, "The Christian education of her children is a work which the Church is bound to promote in her organic, corporate capacity, and as of co-ordinate importance with the missionary work."

2. The only proper basis of right education is God's word; the only safe guide in it is the Gospel. As a consequence of this axiom, the only duly authorized teacher is the Church, which is "the pillar and ground of the truth"—"the witness and keeper of Holy Writ." This consequence, we are aware, is contrary to the view on which our common school system is based, viz.: that it is the right and duty of

the State to educate the children of the State. Still, we maintain that our principle is correct, because it is the Christian principle. Every one admits that the sphere of education includes something more than the physical and mental parts of man's nature. Education is a moral work; and, as such, rightly possesses the authority to direct the manner in which even the faculties of body and mind shall be developed and guided. And, accordingly, being of a moral and religious character, education does not come within the province of the State to conduct; the State has no more right to educate than it has to preach. God has "ordained" the State as a "power" to govern; the "power" that He has "ordained" for the other duty of educating, is His Church.

3. The only way of accomplishing anything in this matter is training—the constant, uniform, thorough carrying out of some definite system. The "twig" must not merely be "bent" as we pass by it, it must be kept "bent."

Proceeding from these principles to the consideration of the much discussed question, as to which is the best and right way of fulfilling our duty in this matter, and which are the best instruments to be employed, your Committee further remark: We fully admit the excellencies of our present Common School system; we are thankful that it has been made the means of doing so much good; we would not in any degree hinder its usefulness; above all, we never would permit it to be overthrown by either a godless infidelity or a corrupt religious system, any more than we would, as good citizens, allow any means of possible public benefit to be given into the hands of those who would destroy or pervert it. But, yet, it must also be admitted, that this system is not one that ought to be adopted by the servants of God's kingdom; because it is not in any degree Christian. Being a creature of the State, and being liable to be used—as it now is greatly used—as a political tool to effect the purposes of selfish political partisans, it cannot, under a government like ours, be Christian. It does not pretend to be; but ex-

pressly separates religion and learning, and claims to impart nothing more than human science, entirely ignoring the divine knowledge which "makes wise unto salvation."

The Church, on the other hand, has a system which is based upon, and built in accordance with, the religion of Christ. The system laid down in the Baptismal Office, the Catechism, and the preface to the Order for Confirmation, is the same in method, and spirit, and faithful enforcement of the teaching of our Divine Master, as that system which was established and followed in the Offices and Catechetical Schools of the Church in her early days. And, moreover, besides being thus thoroughly Christian and scriptural, it is also natural. By it the child is diligently and carefully trained in all respects, spiritually, mentally, and physically.

When, therefore, it is asked, Which is the system that Christians are to adopt? it seems to your Committee that there is no room for doubt or hesitation as to the answer. Even if the Common School system were as faultless as it could be, still we ought rather to maintain ours; because that is of human origin, and, consequently, inadequate to properly train any part of our nature but the body; while our system is founded upon Divine doctrine, authorized by Apostolic usage, and handed down to us as a heritage which we are to use and transmit. It is simply a duty for us to carry out the Church system fully and faithfully.

And herein, also, is our advantage. The religious system that shall, in all respects, so educate the young that they will become the best citizens of the State, and will best "do their duty in the state of life to which God calls them," is surely the one that will have the nurture of the great mass of the children. And the system that thus shall secure the training of the children, is the one that will mould and guide the welfare of the vast multitudes that are soon to fill this land.

The Committee, therefore, express the hope that Churchmen will awake to the sense and performance of this duty. The great advantages for ourselves—to say nothing of the

:at opportunities for promoting our Lord's honor—that let slip away, will be seized and improved by others, ;er if not more faithful than we are. If the Gospel of rist is to be brought to the hearts of our countrymen, as ought to bring it to them, we must make Christian Edu- ion the primary consideration—the one main, chief thing be done first, last, and all the time. The Master himself s known as the Great Teacher—the "Teacher sent from d." One part of His last command to His messengers :o "teach." His servants, in trying various ways of best eying His command, have found, by experience, that ching is scarcely less effective in influencing the life of h old and young than preaching is—such preaching, at st, as is generally expected and given in these days.

The school is, perhaps, almost equal to the pulpit as the ce for inculcating truth and guiding to the right use of faculties. And the work of educating can, moreover, ays be done just as easily as that of evangelizing; wher- er we can gather enough people to preach to, there also ldren enough can be found to "train in the nurture and nonition of the Lord."

II. To carry on this work will, of course, require money l men. Most of us will have to make no small sacrifice order to pay rates for the support of the public schools, l, at the same time, maintain the Church school. But t is a burden which every true disciple will cheerfully ar for the Lord's sake; while its weight will become less l less, in proportion as the Christian system shall acquire re and more the training of the masses. We need not r but that all the money that will be needed will be fur- hed as soon as our duty and the necessity of at once dertaking the duty are perceived.

The greater need, however, is that of qualified teachers. ere is a need of men and women who regard the office the Christian teacher as equal in importance, and only ond in sacredness, to that of the Evangelist and the Pas- who minister the Word and Sacraments, and who, from

this due sense of its dignity and blessedness, are willing to devote to it the labor of their lives. And certainly there are those who, from the love of Christ, would give up themselves to the teaching of His little ones, asking no more pay than their proper support, with the assurance that they should be provided for in case of sickness and old age. There are many such, especially of Christian women; and these would supply another urgent need, that of conducting the schools at a moderate expense.

But to secure such teachers, it is necessary that they should have the aids and benefits that come from an organized body. We feel that we cannot too strongly urge the formation of such an association of these laborers. Call it by any name that sounds proper in Christian ears, only let it be an organization—as the Church is, and as all successful human enterprises possess—which shall be to its members a bond of union and a source of encouragement while they are laboring in separated fields, and shall furnish them a place of rest when the Lord shall see fit to put an end to what we consider their active service. Its members need assume no vows in addition to that "solemn promise and vow" made at their baptism and renewed at their confirmation; they will only declare their determination to especially keep, in this one respect, the obligation that rests upon us all. They will be under the direction of the Bishop, and under the pastoral care of the clergymen in whose cure they are assigned to work. The details of such a body can be very easily arranged, so that it can be made to accomplish this important duty systematically, thoroughly, and with great economy of means and strength. But the body itself is indispensable to the successful prosecution of the work of Christian Education.

III. We congratulate the Diocese that one of the subjects referred to the Committee—that of a Church school for girls—has happily been placed beyond the need of being urged or advised. The school is in existence; and exists in a manner that shows how great was the necessity and

emand for it. "St. Agnes School" was opened early in ie present month, with seven teachers and sixty scholars, whom forty are boarders. This successful beginning is wing to the foresight and energy and faith of our Right everend Father. He may justly ask that we shall now e to it that the school shall be enabled, year after year, to xtend its blessed work, until it shall provide for the educa-on of, at least, all the daughters of the Church in our iocese.

When shall we rejoice at the equally prosperous opening a Diocesan school for boys?

IV. The number of Parish schools in our one hundred id fifteen Parishes reported at the last Convention is six, ith seventeen teachers and four hundred and twenty-three holars.

We have no Church college of our own. As long as this iall be the case, the Committee think that all our support ight to be given to the two Church colleges within the nits of our State, Hobart College at Geneva, and S. Ste-nen's College, Annandale, both of which deserve the most earty encouragement. Our relations to them, and what we e fairly bound to do for them, are matters that may prop-ly be decided by the Federate Council. But we need not ait for that to aid these Institutions to the extent of our ility. They are both doing the Diocese good service, the tter, as it happens, to the larger extent, in the care of our oung men who are looking toward the sacred ministry.

V. We suggest that there should be a regular standing ommittee, to be styled "The Committee on Education and iterature;" and that one of its duties shall be to provide a raded, systematic series of books of instruction in Christian octrine, which, when approved by the Bishop, may be used the Sunday and parish schools throughout the Diocese. uch a series is greatly to be desired. We learn that an xperienced presbyter of the Diocese has something of the ind in preparation, and hope that the Church at large may ave the benefit of his valuable labors.

This Committee might also be authorized to recommend suitable text-books in all the branches of study pursued in parish schools. Of the making of this class of books, there is, truly, no end; and the study of them is indeed a weariness of the flesh, vain and unprofitable. The opinion of a qualified censor in this department would be of great benefit to both teachers and scholars.

And the Committee might further be appointed by the Convention, its visitors of any diocesan schools.

VI. The Committee offer the following resolutions for the action of the Convention:

1. Resolved, That one of the standing committees shall be "The Committee on Education and Literature."

2. Resolved, That the Bishop and the Committee on Education and Literature be and hereby are requested to organize a guild of Christian teachers, and to report their action to the next meeting of the Convention.

3. Resolved, That the Convention recommend the formation of Church schools in every parish and missionary station where it may be practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. BABCOCK,
SAMUEL B. BOSTWICK,
G. POMEROY KEESE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. L. P. Clover, D.D., W. O. Jarvis and John H. Willard.

Rev. D. H. Buel presented a report of the Trustees of the Church Orphanage at Cooperstown.

The following report of the Trustees of the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, at Cooperstown, Otsego county, is respectfully submitted to the Convention of the Diocese of Albany:

An act for the incorporation of the Orphan House of the Iolv Saviour, a home and industrial school for orphans, alf-orphans and destitute children, passed the Legislature f this State, March 28, 1870; and a copy of the act ccompanies this report.

The Trustees named in the act of incorporation met, greeably to the call of the Bishop, at the rectory of Christ hurch, Cooperstown, August 29, 1870. The Bishop opened ıe meeting with prayers. Mr. D. A. Avery was appointed reasurer. The following statutes were adopted:

I. The Trustees shall meet annually, at Cooperstown, on ıe Tuesday after Trinity Sunday, The Bishop may call ɔecial meetings, at his discretion. Any number of Trustees, ot less than three, present at an annual or special meeting, ıall constitute a quorum.

II. The Trustees shall, at each annual meeting, appoint a ecretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five ıembers of the Board, who shall execute the instructions f the Trustees, and, during the interim of the meetings of ıe Board, shall, under their authority, have the adminis-ation of the affairs of the Orphan House.

III. The religious services and instruction of the children ıall be under the direction of the Rector of Christ Church, ooperstown. No rules for the internal regulation of the Iouse, nor appointments to office in it, made by the Execu-ve Committee, shall be final until approved by the Bishop f the Diocese.

IV. There shall be a Board of Associate Managers for ırwarding the work, one in each parish of the Diocese, to e appointed by its rector, and these associate managers ıall aid in collecting funds, clothing, provisions, etc., for ıe use of the institution, and shall also aid in the selec-on of children and in forwarding them to the Orphan Iouse.

There shall also be a Board of Assistant Managers, to be ppointed by the Rector of Christ Church, Cooperstown, ır the special purpose of aiding the Executive Committee

in the details and different departments of the work, subject to the direction of that committee.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with full power to negotiate for a site for the Orphan House, and to take a deed in the name of the Trustees, and to execute a mortgage for the unpaid purchase-money; and that said committee be further empowered to make such arrangements as may be necessary for securing a temporary home.

The Rev. Mr. Buel and Messrs. Keese and Avery were appointed the committee under this resolution.

The Board visited the proposed site for the orphanage, and a solemn service, inaugurating the work in the name of God and dedicating it to His praise and glory, was held by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish and by the Rev. Mr. Brown, the Rev. Mr. Fisher and the Rev. Mr. Davis. The choir of the parish and a number of the laity took part in the service.

Since the adjournment of the Board, a site has been secured for the Orphan House, comprising twenty acres of land in the outskirts of the village of Cooperstown. The price of the property is $5,000, of which the sum of $1,500 is to be paid at once, and the remainder to continue on bond and mortgage for ten years, but payable at an earlier period in instalments, at our option. The situation is beautiful and very convenient, and the property must continue to increase in value with the growth of the village. No general effort at collecting funds for this work of piety and charity has yet been attempted. The amount received by the Treasurer thus far is $1,814.92. Of this sum, $1,037 have been collected at Cooperstown, where other subscriptions are still unpaid. Seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-two cents have been received from a few friends of the orphan in other parts of the Diocese.

It is the earnest hope of the Trustees that a building may be put up during the next summer on the property purchased, and that, until the proposed building is in a condi-

tion to receive the children, a house may be rented, and the work commenced, with the blessing of God, at the earliest day possible.

WM. CROSWELL DOANE,
D. HILLHOUSE BUEL,
GEO. W. ERNST,
SUSAN FENIMORE COOPER,
J. H. HOBART BROWN,
G. POMEROY KEESE,
D. A. AVERY.

Cooperstown, Sept. 26, A. D. 1870.

On motion, the report was received and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. D. H. Buel, Rev. J. I. Tucker, D.D., Rev. J. H. Hopkins, and A. S. Moore, A. A. Van Vorst.

The Committee on Vacancies presented their report.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what, if any, vacancies may be existing in the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, the Board of Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and that of the Fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergy, respectfully report, that in the first named Board no vacancy exists; that in the latter two, one vacancy exists in each. They nominate Mr. George B. Frazer, of West Troy, to fill both of these vacancies.

JOHN TOWNSEND,
Chairman of the Committee.

The Standing Committee on the report of the Treasurer then reported.

The Committee appointed to examine the annual report of the Treasurer of the Diocese of Albany, respectfully

report, they have compared the statement of payments therein made, with the vouchers presented, and find such statement correct. The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer, as appears by said report, is the sum of $57.03.

JAMES MITCHELL,
B. H. HALL,
GEO. W. ERNST.

Dated Albany, Sept. 29, A. D. 1870.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Committee on auditing the report were adopted.

The Committee on auditing the accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund reported.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Endowment Fund respectfully report, that they have compared the same with the vouchers thereof, and have found the statement to be correct, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $7.61.

D. H. BUEL,
TOWNSEND FONDEY,
D. FINLEY.

Albany, Sept. 29, A. D. 1870.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer and of the Auditing Committee of the report were adopted.

The Committee on the Treasurer's report of income and the amount assessed to pay the Bishop's salary reported.

The Committee on the Treasurer's report of the income and the amount assessed to pay the Bishop's salary respect-

ully report, that they have examined and compared the same with the vouchers presented, and have found the same correct, and that there is a balance in his hands of $134.48.

The Committee also find, that of the amount assessed upon the different Parishes of the Diocese ($3,474), there is still unpaid the sum of $1,602.35.

D. H. Buel,
Townsend Fondey,
D. Finley.

Albany, Sept. 29, A. D. 1870.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer and of the Auditing Committee of the several reports were adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented their report.

On motion, Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons be acted upon article by article, as read.

Eight o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was called for.

On motion, the order for the day was postponed.

John V. L. Pruyn moved to amend Article I, as reported by the Committee, by substituting Article III of the Constitution of the Diocese of New York.

B. H. Hall, Lay Delegate of S. John's Church, Troy, moved the following amendment to an amendment:

The Diocese of Albany entrusts its legislation to a Convention, to be constituted as follows: Of the Bishop, when there is one; of the Assistant Bishop, when there is one; of all Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese for six months previous to the Convention, the restriction of time not to apply to Rectors duly elected, or Missionaries duly appointed (provided that no Clergyman suspended from the

ministry shall have a seat), and of Lay delegations, consisting of not more than three deputies from each church in union with the Convention, who shall have been chosen by the Vestry or the congregation of the same.

The vote on the amendment to the amendment was taken by orders.

Clerical.

Ayes.

Mr. Walsh,
Mr. E. S. Widdemer.

Noes.

Bishop Doane,
Mr. Adams,
Babcock,
Dr. Bostwick,
Mr. Hobart Brown,
J. Hutchings Brown,
Buel,
Dr. Camp,
Mr. Carey,
Chapman,
Clark,
Dr. Clover,
Coit,
Mr. W. H. Cook,
Cookson,
H. M. Davis,
Early,
Eastman,
Ferguson,
Fisher,
Goss,
Graves,
Hale,
Mr. James E. Hall,
Hobbie,
Hayward,
Harison,
Hopkins,
Huntington,
Jarvis,
Kidney,
Lancaster,
Lighthipe,
Mulford,
Neide,
Oberly,
Dr. Payne,
Mr. Peirce,
Pennell,
J. F. Potter,
E. G. Prout,
H. H. Prout,
Wm. C. Prout,
Reese,
Richey,
Mr. Rowe,
Russell,
Schwartz,
Selkirk,
Snively,
Stewart,
A. H. Stubbs,
F. H. Stubbs,
Thorpe,
Townsend,
Dr. Tucker,
Mr. Upjohn,
Wainwright,
George Walker,
W. B. Walker,
Webb,
Weeks,
Wenman,
H. T. Widdemer,
Willes,
Wood,
Woodruff.

Lay.

Ayes.

Albany County.
Troy..... Trinity.

Clinton County.
plain ..... S. John's.

Columbia County.
ort .. .. S. John's.

Delaware County.
t .... S. Peter's.
n ..... Christ.

Fulton County.
own..... S. John's.

Greene County.
ll ..... S. Luke's.

Herkimer County.
Herkimer ..... Christ.

Otsego County.
Butternuts..... Christ.
Cooperstown..... Christ.
Morris ..... Zion.
Otego ..... Immanuel.
Portlandville ..... S. John's.

Rensselaer County.
Troy ..... Christ.
S. John's.
S. Paul's.

Saratoga County.
Ballston Spa ..... Christ.

Warren County.
Luzerne ..... S. Mary's.

Noes.

Albany County.
y ..... Grace.
Holy Innocents.
S. Paul's.
S. Peter's.
Trinity.
elaerville ..... Trinity.

Columbia County.
on ..... Christ.

Delaware County.
..... S. John's.

Essex County.
.... S. John's.

Fulton County.
rsville ..... Trinity.

Greene County.
eville ..... Christ.
ham .... . . Trinity.

Montgomery County.
Zion ..... Fonda.

Rensselaer County.
Greenbush ..... Messiah.
Schaghticoke ..... Trinity.
Troy ..... S. Luke's.

Saratoga County.
Schuylerville... ... S. Stephen's.

Schenectady County.
Schenectady ..... Christ.

St. Lawrence County.
Canton ..... Grace.
Waddington ..... S. Paul's.

Washington County.
Fort Edward ..... S. James'.
Whitehall ..... Trinity.

The amendment to an amendment being declared lost by the concurrent vote of both orders, the vote of the Convention was taken by a rising vote of each order, and the amendment declared lost.

The question recurring on Article I, as proposed by the Committee, a vote was taken by orders.

Clerical.

Ayes.

Bishop Doane,
Mr. Babcock,
Dr. Bostwick,
Mr. Hobart Brown,
J. Hutchings Brown,
Buel,
Dr. Camp,
Mr. Carey,
Chapman,
Clark,
Dr. Clover,
Coit,
Mr. W. H. Cook,
Cookson,
Danker,
H. M. Davis,
Joel Davis,
Early,
Eastman,
Ferguson,
Fisher,
Goss,
Mr. Graves,
Hale,
James E. Hall,
Hobbie,
Hayward,
Harison,
Hopkins,
Huntington,
Jarvis,
Kidney,
Lancaster,
Lighthipe,
Neide,
Oberly,
Dr. Payne,
Mr. Peirce,
Pennell,
J. F. Potter,
E. G. Prout,
H. H. Prout,
Wm. C. Prout,
Mr. Richey,
Rowe,
Russell,
Schwartz,
Snively,
Stewart,
A. H. Stubbs,
F. H. Stubbs,
Thorpe,
Townsend,
Dr. Tucker,
Mr. Upjohn,
Wainwright,
George Walker,
W. B. Walker,
Webb,
Weeks,
Wenman,
Willes,
Wood,
Woodruff.

Noes.

Mr. Mulford,
Reese,
Mr. Selkirk,
Walsh,
Mr. E. S. Widdemer,
H. T. Widdemer.

Lay.

Ayes.

Albany County.

y ..... Grace.
Holy Innocents.
S. Peter's.
laerville ..... Trinity.

Clinton County.

plain ..... S. John's.

Columbia County.

n..... Christ.
ort ..... S. John's.

Delaware County.

..... S. John's.
t..... S. Peter's.
n..... Christ.

Essex County.

..... S. John's.

Fulton County.

rsville ..... Trinity.

Greene County.

ll ..... S. Luke's.
eville..... Christ.
ham ..... Trinity.

Montgomery County.

Fonda..... Zion.

Otsego County.

Butternuts..... Christ.

Rensselaer County.

Greenbush ..... Messiah.
Schaghticoke..... Trinity.

Saratoga County.

Schuylerville..... S. Stephen's.

Schenectady County.

Schenectady ..... S. George's.

St. Lawrence County.

Canton ..... Grace.
Potsdam ..... Trinity.

Washington County.

Fort Edward ..... S. James'.
Salem ..... S. Paul's.
Whitehall ..... Trinity.

Noes.

Albany County.

y ..... S. Paul's.
Trinity.
Troy..... Trinity.

Fulton County.

own..... S. John's.

Herkimer County.

ner ..... Christ.

Otsego County.

rstown..... Christ.
..... Zion.
..... Immanuel.
ndville..... S. John's.

Rensselaer County.

Troy ..... Christ.
S. John's.
S. Paul's.

Saratoga County.

Ballston Spa ..... Christ.

Schenectady County.

Schenectady ..... Christ.

Warren County.

Luzerne ..... S. Mary's.

Articles ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix and x, were read and adopted unanimously.

On motion, Resolved, That the consideration of the remaining portion of the report of the Committee on Canons be the first matter considered on the reassembling of the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Sept. 30, A. D. 1870.

Nine o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was said, Rev. Messrs. Luson, Gregory, Danker, Goss, officiating.

The Bishop of the Diocese called the Convention to order.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Rev. John Townsend presented a supplemental report of the Committee on nomination to the several Boards of Trustees of Trust Funds.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what, if any, vacancies existed in the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Fund, in that for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, also in that for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, beg leave to further report, that since making their first report, their attention has been called to the fact that the Acts of Incorporation of the respective Boards, for the administration of the last two mentioned Funds, require that the members thereof should be elected annually by the Convention. They therefore nominate, as suitable persons to serve on both Boards of Trustees (for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, and for the Fund for the Widows and

Orphans of deceased Clergymen), Messrs. Orlando Meads, James Forsyth, and George B. Frazer.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN TOWNSEND,
Chairman of Committee.

The report was accepted, and, on motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the gentlemen nominated to fill the vacancies were elected as Trustees of the respective Funds.

The following communication was received, and ordered entered on the minutes:

Office of Charles van Benthuysen & Sons,
Albany, Sept. 30, 1870.

Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Secretary of Convention:

Dear Sir—We have the pleasure of sending you herewith seventy-five copies of our new edition of the Prayer-Book, which we request that you will present to the Clergymen now attending the Convention.

We are sorry that time will not permit us to mark them for each individual.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. VAN BENTHUYSEN & SONS.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were presented to Messrs. van Benthuysen for their very liberal gift.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons was resumed. Article X was read.

Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D.D., offered the following amendment:

That the article numbered XI be altered to read as follows: The Convention shall deliberate in one body, and each clergyman shall have one vote, and each lay delegation shall have one vote, and the majority of the aggregate votes shall be decisive, except in the cases provided for in Articles VI and XI. If five votes require a division, then the voting shall be by clergy and laity separately, and a concurrence of a majority of the two shall be necessary to a decision. But no change of the Constitution or Canons shall be valid without the concurrence of the three orders of which the Convention is composed, according to the first article of this Constitution.

The amendment was divided, and, a vote being taken by orders, by rising, was declared lost.

Robert Earle offered the following amendment: "To strike out the last clause of the article."

A vote being taken by orders, was declared lost.

Clerical.

Ayes.

Dr. Clover,
Mr. Huntington,
Mulford,
Mr. J. F. Potter,
Reese,
Russell,
Mr. Selkirk,
Walsh,
E. S. Widdemer.

Noes.

Bishop Doane,
Mr. Adams,
Dr. Bostwick,
Mr. Hobart Brown,
J. Hutchings Brown,
Buel,
Dr. Camp,
Mr. Carey,
Chapman,
Clark,
W. H. Cook,
Cookson,
Mr. Danker,
Early,
Eastman,
Ferguson,
Fisher,
Goss,
Graves,
Hale,
James E. Hall,
Hobbie,
Hayward,
Harison,
Mr. Hopkins,
Jarvis,
Kidney,
Lancaster,
Lighthipe,
Neide,
Nicholls,
Oberly,
Dr. Payne,
Mr. Peirce,
Pennell,
E. G. Prout,

Ir. H. H. Prout,
Wm. C. Prout,
Richey,
Rowe,
Schwartz,
Snively,
Stewart,

Mr. A. H. Stubbs,
F. H. Stubbs,
Thorpe,
Townsend,
Dr. Tucker,
Mr. Upjohn,
Wainwright,

Mr. George Walker,
W. B. Walker,
Webb,
Weeks,
Willes,
Wood,
Woodruff.

Lay.

Ayes.

Albany County.

lbany ..... S. Paul's.
Trinity.
Vest Troy..... Trinity.

Delaware County.

Valton ..... Christ.

Herkimer County.

Ierkimer ..... Christ.

Otsego County.

'ooperstown..... Christ.
Iorris..... Zion.
'tego ..... Immanuel.

Rensselaer County.

Greenbush ..... Messiah.
Troy..... Christ.
S. John's.
S. Luke's.
S. Paul's.

Saratoga County.

West Charlton..... S. Mary's.

Schenectady County.

Schenectady ..... S. George's.

Warren County.

Luzerne ..... S. Mary's.

Noes.

Albany County.

lbany ..... Grace.
S. Peter's.
.ensselaerville ..... Trinity.

Columbia County.

Iudson..... Christ.
:ockport .... S. John's.

Delaware County.

'elhi ..... S. John's.
Iobart ..... S. Peter's.

Essex County.

sex ..... S. John's.

Fulton County.

Gloversville ..... Trinity.
Johnstown..... S. John's.

Greene County.

Catskill ..... S. Luke's.
Windham ..... Trinity.

Montgomery County.

Fonda ..... Zion.

Otsego County.

Butternuts. ..... Christ.

Rensselaer County.
Schaghticoke..... Trinity.

Saratoga County.
Schuylerville..... S. Stephen's.

Schenectady County.
Duanesburgh..... Christ.

S. Lawrence County.
Lisbon ..... S. Luke's.
Canton ..... Grace.
Potsdam ..... Trinity.

Washington County.
Whitehall ..... Trinity.

Rev. J. Livingston Reese moved, as a substitute for the proposed article, Article VII, page 108 of the Journal of the Second Convention of the Diocese of Albany.

The motion was lost.

The article proposed by the Committee was adopted by a rising concurrent vote of both orders.

The Constitution, as reported and amended, was adopted by a concurrent vote of both orders.

Clerical.

Ayes.

Bishop Doane,
Mr. Adams,
Dr. Bostwick,
Mr. Hobart Brown,
J. Hutchings Brown,
Buel,
Dr. Camp,
Mr. Carey,
Chapman,
Clark,
Dr. Clover,
Mr. W. H. Cook,
Cookson,
Early,
Eastman,
Ferguson,
Fisher,
Goss,
Graves,
Mr. Hale,
James E. Hall,
Hobbie,
Hayward,
Harison,
Hopkins,
Jarvis,
Kidney,
Lancaster,
Lighthipe,
Neide,
Nicholls,
Oberly,
Dr. Payne,
Mr. Peirce,
Pennell,
J. F. Potter,
E. G. Prout,
H. H. Prout,
Mr. Wm. C. Prout,
Richey,
Snively,
Stewart,
A. H. Stubbs,
F. H. Stubbs,
Thorpe,
Townsend,
Dr. Tucker,
Mr. Upjohn,
Wainwright,
George Walker,
W. B. Walker,
Webb,
Weeks,
Willes,
Wood,
Woodruff.

Noes.

Mr. Huntington,
Mulford,
Reese,
Mr. Russell,
Selkirk,
Mr. Walsh,
E. S. Widdemer.

Lay.

Ayes.

Albany County.
Albany ..... Grace.
S. Peter's.
West Troy..... Trinity.

Clinton County.
Champlain ..... S. John's.

Columbia County.
Hudson ..... Christ.
Stockport ..... S. John's.

Essex County.
Essex..... S. John's.

Fulton County.
Gloversville ..... Trinity.
Johnstown ..... S. John's.

Greene County.
Catskill ..... S. Luke's.
Windham ..... Trinity.

Montgomery County.
Fonda..... Zion.

Otsego County.
Butternuts..... Christ.

Rensselaer County.
Schaghticoke..... Trinity.

Saratoga County.
Schuylerville..... S. Stephen's

Schenectady County.
Duanesburgh..... Christ.
Schenectady ..... S. George's.

S. Lawrence County.
Canton ..... Grace.
Gouverneur..... Trinity.
Potsdam .... Trinity.

Washington County.
Whitehall ..... Trinity.

Noes.

Albany County.
Albany ..... S. Paul's.
Trinity.

Delaware County.
Walton ..... Christ.

Otsego County.
Cooperstown..... Christ.
Otego..... Immanuel.

Rensselaer County.
Greenbush ..... Messiah.
Troy ..... Christ.
S. John's.
S. Luke's.
S. Paul's.

Saratoga County.
West Charlton ..... S. Mary's.

On motion of J. H. Willard, Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be directed to consider the desirableness of establishing a Court of Appeals for Clergymen who have been tried by a court, as appointed under Canon XXI, and report to the next annual Convention.

The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour reported.

The Committee to which were referred the report of the Trustees of the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, at Cooperstown, and accompanying act of incorporation, and of the portion of the Bishop's address relating to the Orphan House, respectfully report, that by the act of incorporation this institution is properly connected with the Convention of the Diocese, and placed under its authority; that the Trustees are organized under the headship of the Bishop, and so as to enlist the influence and sympathy of all parts of the Diocese, and at the same time to insure efficient and judicious immediate management of the Orphan House. The statutes adopted by the Trustees at their primary meeting are entirely in harmony with its diocesan character, and seem well fitted to develop its general usefulness to the Diocese. Your Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of this charitable undertaking. The Diocese of Albany should certainly possess a Christian home to which its orphaned and needy children may be sent, and in which they may be rescued from the broad ways of vice which are drawing to destruction so many of the youth of our land, and may be nurtured in the fear of God and in the path of virtue and industry. The Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, begun at Cooperstown in prayer and in labors of faith and love, and now happily, through the Bishop's warm espousal of it, and under his guidance, inaugurated as a diocesan work, seems to your Committee to promise admirably to meet our needs and desires in this respect. Your

Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Albany accepts the connection with the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour, at Cooperstown, assigned to it by the act of incorporation of that institution, and adopts the Orphan House as a diocesan work, and earnestly commends it to the sympathy and active support of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the Convention approves of the provision in the statutes of the Orphan House for associate managers throughout the Diocese, and recommends the appointment of such managers.

Resolved, That the Convention approves of the proposed effort to raise at once a fund for the erection of a suitable building for the Orphan House, and commends it to the liberality of the Diocese.

D. H. Buel,
J. H. Hopkins, Jr.,
J. Ireland Tucker,
Abm. A. Van Vorst,
A. S. Moore.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Committee on Church Education reported.

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions embodied in the report of the Committee appointed at the last Convention upon the subject of a Church school for girls, and also upon the general subject of Church education, beg leave to recommend to the Convention the adoption of the resolutions contained in the report.

Lewis P. Clover.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Bishop appointed as a Committee on Church Education: Rev. J. H. Babcock, Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D.D., Rev. L. P. Clover, D.D., J. H. Willard, Robert Earle.

The report of the Committee on the Division of the Diocese was taken up.

And, on motion, both reports were received.

On motion, Resolved, That the Committee be continued, and are hereby requested to learn the wishes of the clergy and laity of the Dioceses proposed to be created, and report to the next Convention.

The Secretary, Rev. J. H. H. Brown, resigned his office on account of the press of other diocesan and his parochial work.

The Bishop attested to the worth and fidelity of the retiring Secretary, and regretted the necessity of his resigning.

On motion, the resignation of the Secretary was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention tendered to him for his faithful services.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with.

Rev. George C. Pennell was unanimously elected Secretary.

The Convention took a recess until four o'clock.

At that hour, Evening Prayer was said, the Reverends L. A. Lighthipe, A. H. Stubbs, W. B. Walker, F. N. Luson, officiating.

At half-past four o'clock the Bishop of the Diocese called the meeting to order.

The Canons, as proposed by the Committee, were then read, and, after several amendments, were adopted by a concurrent vote of both orders.

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary reported, that no action is called for on the part of the Convention of this Diocese until the Convention before the meeting of the General Convention.

Signed,

J. IRELAND TUCKER,
WM. A. SNIVELY,
JAMES ROY,
BENJ. M. DUANE,
W. C. TALLMADGE.

On motion, the report of the Committee was accepted.

James Forsyth nominated Rev. Geo. C. Pennell to fill a vacancy in the Clerical Deputies to the Federate Council, made by the disability of Rev. W. R. Johnson.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Rev. Mr. Pennell was unanimously elected.

On motion of James Forsyth, Resolved, That the Trustees of the Episcopal Fund be authorized and directed to transfer the title of the Episcopal Residence to the Board of Missions of this Diocese, to be held and used for the support of the Episcopate, and as a place of residence for the Bishop of this Diocese, and that the said Board of Missions be authorized and directed to make a bond and mortgage on the Episcopal Residence to secure the payment of the incumbrance thereon of $5,000, and also the payment of the sum advanced for the repairs and fitting up of the same for the Episcopal Residence.

The Committee on the Salary of the Bishop was, on nomination, appointed as follows: Rev. J. H. H.

Brown, Rev. W. A. Snively, James Roy, J. J. Tillinghast, H. Pumpelly, Erastus Corning, Jr., John S. Perry, George B. Warren, Jr.

The report of the Committee on the Division of the Charitable Funds of the Diocese of New York was then taken up.

Rev. J. H. Hopkins offered the following substitute for the resolutions appended to the report by that Committee, which was adopted.

Whereas, it has not been found practicable to establish any principle on which the Fund for the Relief of Aged and Infirm Clergymen, the Parochial Fund, and other like funds, may be divided between the three Dioceses of New York, Long Island and Albany, to the satisfaction of all, therefore,

Resolved, That the subject be laid before the Provincial Synod of New York, or Federate Council now about to meet, by our delegates in that Synod, with the request that the said funds may be left undivided, or be reunited in one, to be contributed to hereafter by all the Dioceses in the Province, and with a fair representation of each Diocese in the management thereof; and that the same principle ought to be applied to the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning.

On motion, Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Bishop to consider the relations of the Bible and Prayer-Book Society of Albany and its vicinity to the Diocese of Albany.

On motion of Rev. J. F. Potter, Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the clergy attending this Convention are hereby given to the churchmen of Albany for their kind and liberal hospitalities extended them during its session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby offered to the Rector and Vestry of S. Peter's Church for the admirable arrangements made by them for this body during its session.

The report of the Board of Missions, and its accompanying documents, was taken up for consideration.

The Board of Missions beg leave respectfully to report, that, by the adoption of the fifteenth Canon, entitled, "Of the Missions of the Church," the Missionary Committee was superseded by the Board of Missions; and the wisdom of this new arrangement has already been amply demonstrated. A larger representation from the different sections of the Diocese has thus been secured, and the Board has been enabled to avail itself of fuller information of the condition and wants of our extended missionary field.

The meetings of the Board have generally been well attended, and its deliberations marked with an earnest desire to discharge as faithfully as possible the heavy responsibility which the Diocese, through the Convention, has laid upon it. Its wishes, however, have been largely in excess of the means placed at its disposal for the efficient prosecution of the mission work. With growing wants there has not been a corresponding increase of contributions, and to-day we stand before the Convention with a depleted treasury, and, therefore, without resources to meet the payments due our missionaries the 1st of October.

This condition of things, which has so often occurred before, to the great embarrassment of the Diocese, has been a subject of serious and careful consideration with the Board, and it submits to the Convention the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as it is the plain duty of each parish in union with this Convention to take part, as equally as possible, in all diocesan obligations; therefore, this Convention requests each parish in the Diocese to take such

measures as it may see fit to make its annual contributions for diocesan purposes, equal to at least one-eighth part of its ordinary gross annual income, as reported to the Convention of the previous year, and the same to be paid quarterly to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Resolved, That one-half of such annual contributions should be for the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

The number of mission stations is seventy-six, and the number of missionaries, fifty.

We regret to report that the Rev. W. R. Johnson, missionary at Fairfield, Norway, Newport and Middleville, and the Rev. E. Slade, missionary at Middleburgh and Schoharie, have been obliged to resign their respective charges on account of failing health. The Church will not forget their self-denying labors, and will fervently pray that they may be speedily restored to health and the renewed discharge of their ministry.

The receipts for the Conventional year have been $9,083.38, and the disbursements, $9,176.24, leaving a balance of $92.86 now due the Treasurer.

While this statement shows an increase of contributions amounting to about $2,500, the Board is obliged to call for still greater liberality, as $12,000 will be needed to meet the necessities of the coming year. Brethren, the work is your's. Will you suffer it to languish, or fail to be accomplished for want of the necessary means? May God stir up the wills of his faithful people, that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Him be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Appended to this report is that of the Treasurer, and also a communication addressed to the Board by the Vestry of S. Paul's Church, Albany, and which has been ordered by the board to be laid before the Convention.

In behalf of the Board.

GEO. H. WALSH,
Secretary.
J. S. KIDNEY,
J. W. STEWART,
R. H. CUSHNEY.

Missionary Committee of the Diocese of Albany:

undersigned presents herewith a statement of the
s and expenditures for Diocesan Missions for year
October 1, 1870. The receipts have been $9,083.38,
: disbursements, $9,176.24, leaving a balance due the
rer of $92.86.

ddition to this amount there will be required to pay
ends due October 1st, the sum of $2,500, over the
: ($625) received for said quarter from the Diocese
r York. Up to this date I have been able to pay
ly the quarterly stipends to the missionaries, but the
s for the present quarter have been so much less than
revious, that the treasury is in a crippled condition
able to meet the demand that will be made upon it
r 1st.

st the Committee will indulge me in a few general
isons. The quarter which includes the summer
is, from the absence of very many of the leading
utors of the largest parishes, usually the weakest in
to monied strength, but this weakened condition of
ources would not exist, if the rectors of these self-
ting parishes, in the proper season, would make such
as becomes them as the leaders of their flocks, to
hem to liberal giving for the support of those who,
d of the comforts enjoyed by them, go forth to plant
oss of Christ in the weak and waste places of the
e.

des this summer deficiency there is no equal distribu-
er the Diocese of missionary giving, in accordance
e ability of the parishes. The load has either been
by a few, or else the amount has been made up by
undue efforts on the part of feeble places. The
t parishes have, in general, contributed more, pro rata,
ose abundantly able. Even the insignificant mission
s have, by liberal donations, placed themselves in
le contrast with some of the largest parishes in the
e.

The Church can only grow in the Diocese by the united efforts of all; and they who would encourage the stand-still policy, or confine their interest and liberality to their immediate neighborhood, are not its true and faithful adherents and supporters.

Some of the largest parishes have contributed but a very small amount in proportion to their ability, while many of the smaller have done proportionally more than their share.

I have presumed to call the attention of the Committee to a condition of affairs, gained by experience, that with this knowledge, such recommendations may be made to the Convention, in reference to the coming year, as will enable the Treasurer to meet the demands of the missionaries by prompt and regular payments.

Very respectfully,

SELDEN E. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

Albany, Sept. 27, 1870.

Report of Treasurer of Mission Fund, Diocese of Albany.

Receipts from the following Churches:

S. Peter's, Albany	$1,095 22
Grace, Albany	14 00
Holy Innocents, Albany	107 15
S. Paul's, Albany	120 00
Trinity, Albany	25 16
S. John's, Cohoes	100 00
S. Mark's, Green Island	53 75
Trinity, Rensselaerville	48 40
Trinity, West Troy	450 00
S. John's, Champlain	11 73
S. Luke's, Chazy	2 75
Trinity, Plattsburgh	30 53
Christ; Rouses Point	5 45
Trinity, Claverack	5 00
S. Luke's, Clermont	14 15

Christ, Hudson			$181 11
S. Paul's, Kinderhook			55 50
S. John the Evangelist, Stockport			67 37
S. John's, Delhi			109 50
S. Paul's, Franklin			35 00
S. Peter's, Hobart			45 05
Christ, Walton			18 70
S. John's, Essex	22 50	+	7 50
S. Paul's, Keeseville			52 12
Of the Cross, Ticonderoga			5 00
S. Peter's, Brush's Mills			20 00
S. Mark's, Malone	81 00	+	31 18
S. John's, Johnstown			8 50
Of the Redeemer, Northampton			26 79
Trinity, Athens			32 49
Calvary, Cairo			12 00
S. Luke's, Catskill			153 20
Christ, Coxsackie			17 35
Christ, Greeneville			5 23
S. Paul's, Oak Hill			11 94
Trinity, Windham			17 00
Trinity, Fairfield			15 00
Christ, Herkimer	15 00	+	15 00
S. Augustine's, Ilion			14 00
Emmanuel, Little Falls			102 04
Mission, Newport			5 40
Mission, Middleville			5 90
Grace, Norway			2 75
S. Ann's, Amsterdam			40 30
Zion, Fonda			30 00
Christ, Butternuts			5 50
Grace, Cherry Valley			45 55
Christ, Cooperstown			253 75
S. John's, Exeter			2 00
S. Mark's, Garrattsville			1 00
S. James', Oneonta			4 75
Immanuel, Otego			16 90

S. John's, Portlandville	$6 33
Zion, Morris	117 61
S. John's, Richfield Springs	20 00
S. Matthew's, Unadilla	22 29
Christ, West Burlington	10 00
Of the Messiah, Greenbush	50 00
S. Mark's, Hoosac Falls	100 00
Trinity, Lansingburgh	68 70
Trinity, Schaghticoke	10 00
Christ, Troy	173 00
S. John's, Troy	134 09
S. Paul's, Troy	461 60
Christ, Ballston Spa	42 74
Calvary, Burnt Hills	30 25
S. Paul's, Charlton	15 95
S. Luke's, Mechanicville	29 69
Bethesda, Saratoga Springs	76 73
S. Stephen's, Schuylerville	33 25
S. John's, Stillwater	6 05
Grace, Waterford	25 50
Mission, Conklingville	10 22
Christ, Duanesburgh	60 69
S. George's, Schenectady	238 96
Trinity, Gouverneur	29 00
S. Luke's, Lisbon	6 05
S. John's, Ogdensburgh	38 66
Trinity, Potsdam	68 20
S. Paul's, Waddington	16 50
Christ, Pottersville	7 10
Of the Messiah, Glen's Falls	26 66
S. Mary's, Luzerne	9 00
Of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh	35 00
S. James', Caldwell	36 20
S. Luke's, Cambridge	39 21
S. James', Fort Edward	54 27
Trinity, Granville	27 63
S. Paul's, Salem	45 39

Zion, Sandy Hill	$72 07
Trinity, Whitehall	64 75
Mission, Morley	18 99
Mission, Madrid	7 24
S. Paul's, Centreville	2 55
	$5,968 60

Individual Contributions.

1869.		Received from	
Oct.	24.	Wm. H. Dewitt	$50 00
	25.	E. C. Delavan	50 00
	26.	F. W. Farnham	50 00
		Uri Gilbert	50 00
		Wm. J. Peake	50 00
	29.	Frank H. Stott	50 00
Dec.	8.	John Tweddle	50 00
	28.	Unknown	1 00
1870.			
Jan.	4.	Fuller, Warren & Co.	100 00
	5.	Mrs. Jane E. Dows	50 00
		Abm. B. Cox	25 00
		J. Champlin Harison	25 00
		W. B. Tibbitts	5 00
	6.	A little girl from Saratoga Springs (birthday gift)	5 00
	11.	Thomas S. Clarkson	100 00
	13.	J. G. Averill	150 00
	15.	Friend in Ogdensburgh	5 00
1869.			
Dec.	8.	For Cambridge Mission	50 00
1870.			
Mar.	10.	For Cambridge Mission	50 00
	12.	Edw. T. Bartlett	30 00
	24.	Calvary Mission, Diocese of New York	22 00
Apr.	6.	S. W. J. C., Boston	5 00
May	2.	D. R. R.	2 50

1870.		
May 20.	Miss S. W. Copeland	$5 00
26.	Friend of Missions, Plattsburgh	5 00
June 2.	C. M. Wickham, Grand Rapids, Mich.	2 00
Aug. 30.	Theron J. Dale, Esq., Gloucester, Mass., through Bishop Doane	100 00
Feb. 12.	S. W. J. C., Boston	5 00
		$1,092 50

1869.	Received from	
Dec. 28.	Diocese of New York	$625 00
1870.		
Mar. 24.	Diocese of New York	625 00
Apr. 4.	Diocese of New York, six months interest on $2,000	70 00
June 24.	Diocese of New York	625 00
		$1,945 00

Total receipts	$9,006 10

Disbursements.

1869.	Paid the Reverends	
Oct. 27.	R. T. Howard, balance stipend to Oct. 1	$75 00
	C. H. Lancaster, balance stipend to Oct. 1	125 00
Nov. 1.	John Randall, stipend to Oct. 1	100 00
9.	J. E. Johnson, "	37 50
	G. C. V. Eastman, "	19 43
15.	William S. Rowe, "	62 50
19.	J. H. Babcock, "	125 00
	L. P. Clover, "	75 00
24.	W. R. Johnson, late Treasurer, for advances made by him	50 00

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7.	G. C. V. Eastman, stipend to Jan. 1	$100 00
	" account April 1	50 00
	A. Danker, stipend to Dec. 1	37 50
9.	A. H. Stubbs, " Nov. 12	150 00
17.	Joel Davis, " Dec. 1	161 46
21.	Robt. A. Locke, " Jan. 1	66 67
23.	J. H. Houghton, for services in Cambridge, account special appropriation	30 00
	W. S. Hayward, stipend to Jan. 1	33 33
	J. A. Upjohn, "	133 33
28.	Henry Oberley, "	25 00
	A. Danker, "	12 50
30.	G. Graves, "	16 66
	C. A. Wenman, "	50 00
	W. S. Rowe, "	62 50
	G. Huntington, "	37 50
	W. H. Cooke, "	137 50
	J. H. Hopkins, "	75 00
	John Randall, "	137 50
	R. T. Howard, "	125 00
	Thomas G. Clemson, "	12 50
	C. H. Lancaster, "	100 00
	H. G. Wood, "	62 50
	E. Weil, "	37 50
	E. Slade, "	100 00
	James H. Tyng, "	37 50
	J. S. Clarke, "	33 33
	E. E. Butler, "	25 00
	Benj. Webb, "	18 75
	Thomas M. Thorpe, "	50 00
31.	Ed. Pidsley, "	37 50
	H. C. Randall, "	37 50
	J. Everitt Johnson, "	37 50
	H. H. Prout, "	75 00
	L. H. Lighthipe, "	37 50

1869.			
Dec. 31.	E. Dolloway, stipend to Jan. 1		$37 50
	J. F. Winkley,	"	62 50
	H. M. Davis,	"	100 00
1870.			
Jan. 4.	L. P. Clover,	"	37 50
	W. R. Johnson,	"	50 00
	J. H. Babcock,	"	100 00
5.	Joel Davis,	"	33 34
	A. H. Stubbs,	"	79 88
	F. H. Stubbs,	"	87 50
11.	C. A. Wenman,	" for Berne and Potter's Hollow	62 50
13.	J. H. Tyng, account J. G. Averill		50 00
Feb. 2.	John Downie, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15		37 50
	Sundry postages on circulars, envelopes, blank book and internal revenue		9 75
16.	C. van Benthuysen & Sons, bill		84 28
26.	E. Slade, stipend to April 1		100 00
28.	R. S. Locke, " Feb. 15		33 33
Mar. 17.	G. Graves, " April 1		100 00
	W. S. Hayward, " "		55 00
19.	J. H. Hopkins, extra services under direction of Bishop		5 00
22.	L. H. Lighthipe, stipend to April 1		37 50
24.	W. H. Cooke,	"	137 50
25.	C. A. Wenman,	"	50 00
	G. Huntington,	"	37 50
	J. H. Hopkins, Jr.,	"	75 00
	John Randall,	"	100 00
	J. W. Stewart,	"	41 67
	R. T. Howard,	"	125 00
	G. C. V. Eastman, bal.	"	50 00
	T. G. Clemson,	"	37 50
	J. E. Johnson,	"	37 50
	Ed. Pidsley,	"	37 50

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r. 25.	Albert Danker, stipend to April 1	--	$37 50
	H. H. Prout, "	--	75 00
	Joel Davis, "	--	100 00
	A. H. Stubbs, "	--	150 00
	T. M. Thorpe, "	--	50 00
	J. H. Tyng, "	--	37 50
	J. S. Clarke, "	--	50 00
26.	W. S. Rowe, "	--	62 50
	H. C. Randall, "	--	75 00
	E. Dolloway, "	--	37 50
	Henry Oberley, "	--	37 50
29.	F. H. Stubbs, "	--	87 50
. 2.	G. C. Pennell, "	--	133 34
4.	H. G. Wood, "	--	62 50
	W. R. Johnson, "	--	150 00
	C. H. Lancaster, "	--	100 00
	L. P. Clover, "	--	37 50
	J. H. Babcock, "	--	100 00
	Benj. Webb, "	--	62 50
	E. E. Butler, "	--	25 00
	J. A. Upjohn, "	--	100 00
	H. M. Davis, "	--	100 00
14.	Postage on circulars		5 00
19.	E. Dollaway, stipend to April 18		6 81
21.	T. M. Thorpe, account stipend		10 70
22.	R. T. Howard, stipend to May 1		41 67
y 9.	L. H. Lighthipe, stipend to July 1	--	75 00
	G. C. V. Eastman, "	--	100 00
e 24.	J. E. Johnson, "	--	37 50
25.	Charles A. Wenman, "	--	50 00
	W. S. Hayward, "	--	50 00
	G. Graves, "	--	100 00
	J. H. Hopkins, "	--	75 00
	John Randall, "	--	100 00
	Joel Davis, "	--	100 00
	E. Slade, "	--	100 00

1870.		
June 25.	Geo. C. Pennell, stipend to July 1	$200 00
	Wm. S. Rowe, "	62 50
	Wm. H. Cooke, "	137 50
	A. H. Stubbs, "	150 00
	A. Danker, "	37 50
	J. Hutchings Brown, "	83 33
	J. N. Pierce, "	31 25
	Geo. Walker, "	33 33
	W. H. Harison, "	25 00
	J. S. Clarke, "	50 00
	Thos. G. Clemson, "	37 50
	Postage on circulars	3 48
	Internal revenue and postage	1 50
	Postage envelopes	3 50
28.	T. M. Thorpe, to May 1	5 96
July 4.	C. H. Lancaster, stipend to July 1	100 00
	H. G. Wood, "	62 50
	H. H. Prout, "	75 00
	W. R Johnson, "	150 00
9.	One hundred stamped envelopes	3 50
	H. M. Davis, stipend to July 1	100 00
	J. A. Upjohn, "	100 00
	E. E. Butler, "	25 00
	Benj. Webb, "	62 50
	F. H. Stubbs, "	87 50
	Henry Oberly, "	37 50
	J. H. Babcock, "	25 00
	H. C. Randall, "	75 00
	Ed. Pidsley, "	37 50
	J. W. Stewart, "	62 50
	G. Huntington, "	37 50
Aug. 27.	C. F. Winkley, stipend to March 1	41 66
	One hundred stamped envelopes	3 50
	Total disbursements	$9,176 24

Amount of receipts		$9,006 10
Amount of disbursements		9,176 24
Amount due Treasurer		$170 14
By amount received from S. Mark's, Malone	$31 18	
By amount received from Mary Jones and Alice Foster (being proceeds of a fair)	23 60	
		54 78
Balance due Treasurer		$115 36
By amount received from Christ Church, Herkimer		15 00
Balance due Treasurer		$100 36
By amount received from S. John's Church, Essex		7 50
Balance due Treasurer		$92 86

Amounts received since the report was made to the Board of Missions.

From the following Churches:

Christ, Ballston Spa	$20 44
Christ, Hudson	88 89
Christ, Butternuts	16 00
S. John's, Portlandville	4 67
S. Timothy's, Westford	10 00
S. John's, Johnstown	20 00
Christ, Duanesburgh	25 31
S. Luke's, Troy	20 00
Trinity, Windham	5 00
S. John's, Cohoes	50 00
Trinity, Gouverneur	25 00

S. Paul's, Oak Hill	$5 00
S. John's, Champlain	3 34
S. Ann's, Amsterdam	9 70
Of the Holy Cross, Troy	150 00
Christ, Walton	10 80
Trinity, Whitehall	14 00
	$478 15

Amounts received from Mission Stations as pledges to the Missionaries.

1869.		
Nov. 16.	Mission, West Burlington	$63 55
	Mission, Garrattsville	24 16
	Mission, Schuyler's Lake	13 33
1870.		
May 13.	S. Peter's, Ellenburgh	14 00
	S. Paul's, Centreville	20 83
July 9.	Christ, Deposit	54 00
19.	Mission, Hogansburgh	50 00
Sept. 7.	S. Peter's, Ellenburgh	21 00
	S. Paul's, Centreville	17 00
24.	S. James', Oneonta	50 00
		$327 87

Disbursements.

1869.	Amounts paid the Reverends	
Nov. 16.	Joel Davis	$63 55
	Joel Davis	24 16
	Joel Davis	13 33
1870.		
May 13.	G. C. Pennell	14 00
	G. C. Pennell	20 83
July 9.	L. H. Lighthipe	54 00
	J. W. Stewart	50 00

1870.			
Sept.	7.	G. C. Pennell	$21 00
		G. C. Pennell	17 00
	24.	L. H. Lighthipe	50 00
			$327 87

SELDEN E. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

In Vestry of S. Paul's Church,
Albany, Feb. 11, 1870.

Whereas, the members of this Vestry have separately been notified that a Committee of the Board of Missions, of this Diocese, have (on what they assume to be a fair "estimate of the ability" of S. Paul's Parish, Albany) fixed the sum expected of this Parish at $600 this year, for Missions in this Diocese; and,

Whereas, the Committee, in making their estimate, have obviously overlooked or forgotten that this Parish is now engaged in supporting mission work (as it has been the past two years) in this city, at a cost of about $2,500 per annum; and also overlooked or forgotten, that this Parish is the sole supporter of the Mission for Deaf Mutes in this section of the State, established some years since; and,

Whereas, engagements might be made by the Missionary Committee, based on the expectation of this Parish contributing the $600 per annum to the Diocesan Mission Fund, unless our inability to do so is immediately made known;

Resolved, that this Parish, always desiring to co-operate heartily and push forward the good work, and sympathizing with the present efforts of the Board, are, nevertheless, compelled, by pressure of engagements made in the past and continuous for the future, for the two missions referred to connected with this Parish, to declare, by its Vestry, its

inability to meet the apportionment on it of $600 per annum, for general purposes; but is prepared to pay the sum pledged for it at the last Convention, with such further sums as may be collected from the congregation beyond the amount needed to support the missions it voluntarily undertook some time since, and which now look to it for continuance.

Resolved, that the clerk of the Vestry furnish the Secretary of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese a copy of the above preambles and resolutions duly certified.

W. Lacy,
Clerk of the Vestry of S. Paul's
Parish, Albany.

On motion, the reports were received and ordered to be printed in the Journal, with the document attached.

The report was then adopted.

On motion of F. James Fitch, Resolved, That the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese be and hereby is requested to make a personal appeal to all laymen in the Diocese, in behalf of Diocesan Missions, with a view to the payment of the amount due and unpaid to our faithful and devoted missionaries.

Resolved, That the wardens and vestry of each parish within this Diocese be requested to inform the Treasurer of the Missionary Board, within sixty days after notice of this resolution, whether they will conform to the foregoing resolution, offered by the Board of Missions and adopted by the Convention of the Diocese of Albany; and if not, what amount they will give.

On motion, Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention send immediately to the rectors, mis-

ionaries and wardens of parishes and mission stations, a certified copy of the resolutions accompanying he Report of the Board of Missions; also the resoutions of the Board of Missions just adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Registrar.

The ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and he Rev. C. T. Woodruff was elected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Townsend, Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be and is ıereby directed to have published, so soon as the ondition of the Diocesan Treasury will warrant he act, one thousand copies of the Journal, to be listributed as follows: to the Bishop of the Diocese, s many as he may desire; to each clergyman in the Diocese, one copy: to each parish, three copies; and he requisite number for complying with the Canons of the General Convention.

On motion of F. James Fitch, Resolved, That he words "fourth convocation" be stricken out rom the minutes recording the election of the Board of Missions.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. William Payne, D.D., and R. H. Cushney, vere elected members of the Board of Missions rom the Diocese at large.

On motion of Rev. D. H. Buel, Resolved, That Townsend Fondey and Joseph J. Tillinghast be a special Committee to apply at once to the parishes ınd missions which have entirely or partially failed o contribute the amounts assessed on them for the salary of the Bishop, and urge their immediate paynent, and also to take any further steps which they

may deem necessary to make up at the earliest possible day the present deficiency of the Salary Fund.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to consider the financial needs of the Diocese, and to report to the next Convention, immediately after the organization thereof, some plan by which the pecuniary responsibilities of the Diocese may be promptly and fully met.

The Bishop appointed Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, James Forsyth and Orlando Meads as such Committee.

On motion of Rev. G. C. Pennell, Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draft "Rules of Order" for the Diocese, and to report at the next Convention.

The Bishop appointed Rev. John Townsend, Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., and Townsend Fondey as said Committee.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. S. B. Bostwick, D.D., said the Lord's Prayer and appropriate Collects, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The Convention adjourned without day.

WILLIAM CROSWELL DOANE,
Bishop of Albany and President
of the Convention.

GEORGE C. PENNELL,
Secretary.

GEORGE FISHER,
Assistant Secretary.

J. N. T. GOSS,
Second Assistant Secretary.

Address.

Missing many familiar faces of those whom I grieve to lose, and greeting the larger number that return, with a warmth of confidence and affection deeper and truer as the years go on, I welcome you, beloved brethren of the clergy and laity, to our third annual council here, praying God to overrule our deliberations and discussions to His glory. Meeting as men, with strong and positive convictions, I have no desire to cultivate among us the dead level of a listless uniformity of thought. Our very differences of view give spirit to our work and our words; while the common purpose animates us all. So God will keep from us the pettiness and bitterness of personal animosities and mere partisan prejudice. I hold my own convictions too strongly to be intolerant of any other man's honest opinions and avowed views; and I am free to say, that I welcome all open discussion of principles, because of my conviction, that the complete outspokenness of catholic truth and churchly principle must, in the end, prevail over all the timidities and temporizings of amiable efforts to pander to popularity and conciliate the irreconcilable and incompatible opposites of Catholicity and Romanism; of the Church of the sect idea, of ante-mediæval primitiveness and anti-catholic protestantism. You will form your own judgment of the condition of the Diocese from the

statistics which I proceed to lay before you. When I tell you, in brief, that our clergy list has gained, in number, fifteen; that, although I have been providentially prevented from visiting twenty-nine of the parishes and stations, the number of persons confirmed exceeds last year's number by seventy-one; that we have only six, really only five, parishes vacant this year, against sixteen that were empty last year; that the Episcopal residence has been purchased and almost paid for (by the gifts, with three exceptions, of parishioners of this parish); that St. Agnes' School has opened with so large a patronage, as to oblige the renting of another house, and to promise good success; and that of the work I set before you to be done this year—the agenda, you may remember, of the last address—everything has been either inaugurated or completed, except the mission at Schoharie, the work at Canajoharie and Fort Plain, and the added laborer sent to Mr. Cook at Keeseville; that the churches at Portlandville and Cambridge are consecrated; the church building completed at Ilion, and begun at Cohoes, Middleville, Morley, Ticonderoga, Springfield and New Lebanon; that missions have been planted at Oneonta, Hancock, Chateaugay and Hogansburg, and organized fully, besides, at six other and older points; that the Massena mission is divided into two manageable points; that Richfield is reclaimed, Kinderhook and Copake supplied, and Ellenburgh and Centerville revived; you will pause with me a moment to thank the Lord who hitherto has helped us, and to take new courage for what duties and difficulties still lie ahead.

We shall look more fully at the dark things which must offset this cheerful retrospect. I desire only to speak now of a cloud which I confess I had left out of sight in our horizon. I am getting used, I hope I shall not get hardened, to the loss of clergymen. When dioceses grow tired of bishops, as fast as parishes of clergymen, from individual differences of opinion, we shall have the Methodist system complete, of itinerant ministers and transitory pseudo-bishops, without the Methodists' organization, enthusiasm or authority. I have had this year to begin to feel fully the loss of laymen. House has gone from Lansingburgh, leaving his monument behind him in the beautiful church, whose building is so largely due to his generous interest, and leaving in many a heart—I am sure leaving very deeply in mine—the recollection of a courteous, cordial, Christian gentleman, the like of whom are rarely met with now-a-days. Clark has gone from Cooperstown, where, in his quiet, sterling integrity, he edified and adorned the parish that surely sorely misses him now. And from another, the quieter sphere of life, the home circle, which a bishop, who is almost a homeless man, gets to know and value, as year by year he finds his welcome warmer and his place more familiar in his parish homes—from the home circle of the Diocese has gone a dear old lady, Mrs. Ann Pomeroy, a very Anna in her love of the temple, and a very Dorcas in her industrious interest in the poor. Mrs. Pomeroy belonged to another generation, of more simple, more capable, more energetic women. She was the repository of recollections that would delight an antiquary, as they

charmed every listener. She was a part of days, and scenes, and men that are historic now. She was infirm and feeble since ever I knew her; but to the last, the Church was first in her love and thoughts, and she really went up stairs, from a labor of love, in connection with an organization of Christian women, laid aside a bit of unfinished work, went to her bed, and lying quietly down, in the eighty-seventh year of her age, she entered Paradise, with all its rest and peace, almost in an instant, and without a word.

I had, perhaps, better finish here the inscriptions on our diocesan diptychs. Of our own clergy, strictly speaking, but one has passed away, the Rev. Henry Stanley, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls. I have something more to say of him by-and-by. Two others have entered into rest, one in the ripe maturity of a well-spent life, the other in the first flush and freshness of youth. The Rev. Henry Peck died at Mount Upton, in the Diocese of Central New York, early in May. He was a Presbyter of the Diocese of New York, properly speaking, at the time; but his last work had been in our Diocese, and it is right to record his death here. He was eighty-one years old, and had been long disabled from active service, and living in great obscurity. Bishop Huntington made his visitation to Mount Upton on the day of Mr. Peck's burial. He writes: "Some obstacle prevented sending for a Church clergyman, and a Methodist minister officiated, though I might have reached there in season. At the evening service I had an opportunity to refer to him, and offered the burial prayers. You may

know the circumstances from other quarters, but it struck me that the depth of his seclusion might prevent even this." I add simply to this reverent notice of a good man's death, an extract from a letter of the Rev. J. V. Hughes, who was long his neighbor for many years, in Butternuts: "Mr. Peck, for many years, was a Methodist, and for eleven years was a licensed traveling preacher. In 1833 he became, by reading some books on Episcopacy, which I had given him, convinced of the invalidity of his ordination. Then he turned his attention to the Church and became a communicant of Christ Church, Butternuts. In November, 1833, I introduced him to the Right Rev. Bishop Onderdonk, when he became a candidate for deacon's order. In June, 1834, he was ordained to the Diaconate in Grace Church, Mount Upton. He studied and read with me for eight months, and was confirmed in my house on the day of his ordination. Mr. Peck commenced his ministry at Constantia, on Oneida Lake. He remained there a few years; from there he removed to Paris Hill, and in S. Paul's Church, in that place, he officiated for six years. Removing to Butternuts he became Rector of Christ Church, in this village, and officiated here five years. At this time his health failed, and he was not able afterward to take any permanent charge, but officiated occasionally. Mr. Peck was a sound theologian, true Christian, sincere friend, pure in motive, diligent in duty, and a lover of the doctrines, discipline and liturgy of the Church. He died in the communion of the Catholic Church, in favor with God, and in perfect charity with the world."

The Rev. Mr. Skene entered into rest on the Feast of the Ascension of our dear Lord. He had been obliged to leave Nashotah, where he had acquitted himself honorably, that he might seek, in Florida, the restoration of his sadly impaired health. That wonderful climate, so revived him that there seemed a hope of his ability to labor there; and he eagerly caught at an offer from Bishop Young to ordain him and give him work in Florida. He was ordered deacon, at my request, by Bishop Young, on the 27th of March, and entered on his duties at once, and most acceptably. But the end of the day was nearer to him than he thought; his illness increased; he returned here only to die; and after a week of severe and patient suffering, he passed away on Holy Thursday, to be with Him, with whom, in heart and mind, he had continually dwelt. An earnest follower of his dear Lord, he has been called away just as he had entered upon the Master's nearer service. Outside of our own limits have occurred three deaths which demand a notice. The Bishop of New Hampshire has been long retired from the active discharge of his work. To those who knew him he endeared himself by the quiet devotion of his life, the self-denying simplicity of his character, and the purity and peacefulness of his nature. Like Nathaniel in his life, "a man in whom there was no guile;" he is like that same holy man in his history, become Bartholomew the Apostle, of whom little is known and less authoritatively revealed, one whom the Church commemorates with honor, because the Lord honored him, living, with an Apostle's seat, and dead, we doubt not, with an Apostle's throne. Thank God

the roll of His Saints shines with a glory that is not always visible in the garish glare of earth.

Bishop Kemper added to all this guilelessness and simplicity a power rarely equalled and never surpassed in the missionary episcopate of this century. He was the first of that noble vanguard that went into what was then the wilderness of the West, to keep pace with the tremendous rush of population with which it teems to-day; and he kept the Cross always at the front. I was born, I had almost said, with a reverence for him; and it grew and grew, till, in the presence of his silvered head and his vigorous old age, I felt, as all did who met him, that he was "meet to be called an Apostle." With what wise foresight, what indefatigable energy, what devoted earnestness he laid out work for the future, and at the same time accomplished it in the present, we all know; and it will be years before those, who have entered into his labors, will be able or willing to withhold the recognition of honor with which their reaping gilds the venerable name of Kemper, who went forth, now eight and thirty years ago, to sow the seed.

Almighty God has laid another sorrow on the Church's heart to bear, in the death of my very dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Mahan. He was certainly the foremost priest in the American Church, her ablest theologian, her soundest and best furnished mind, the wisest counsellor I ever knew, more literally fulfilling the motto of William the Silent, "sarvis tranquillus in undis." I never knew so rounded and well-balanced a man; never frightened or flustered; composed and collected, while the cowardice of

louder talkers betrayed itself in hesitation and distrust; he received, in the full ripeness of his rare mind and rarer soul, the very man for the juncture of our time; and for the most important post to which, under circumstances that made it doubly honorable to him, he had been twice elected. I have a right to ask you to share my personal sorrow in the loss which earth can never restore, of the friend to whom I looked, and on whom I leaned, as I could once on my own father; of the dearest and wisest friend and counsellor that man could have; but this is nothing to the public, common loss; and I can only feel that the dear Lord must mean, Himself, in an especial and immediate way, to have us in His keeping, since He withdraws from us, at such a time, the man of men, who seemed the most important in the wealth of his sympathy, the rich strength of his intellect, the sound and fearless catholicity of his faith, and the strong steadfastness of his character, all relieved by rare social powers, the most genial and playful humor, and the unassuming simplicity of the children of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the fall of a prince and a mighty man in Israel, to whom, unasked, for he was too brave to ask it, rest has come, instead of the anxious toil and strife that are our portion still in this critical and crucial time. We may well thank God for the good examples of such faithful servants, beseeching Him to make us sharers of their joy; and with them, partakers of His kingdom.

I turn to the living labors of the present, to lay before you the items, the results and the conclusions of the year's work.

On Wednesday, September 29, the Feast of S. Michael and all Angels, I opened the Second Annual Convention of the Diocese. The services were conducted by the Rev. Drs. Clover, Bostwick, Camp, and the Rev. Messrs. W. R. Johnson, Cook, Eastman, Howard, Buel, Ogden, Weil, Walker and Mulford.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. T. W. Coit, D.D., LL.D., Rector of S. Paul's Church, Troy; and the business of the Convention occupied the rest of Wednesday and the whole of Thursday, the 30th, and a part of Friday, the 1st of October.

October 3d. I celebrated the Holy Communion, and preached in the morning, and catechised the children in the afternoon, in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

October 10th. I celebrated the Holy Communion, and preached in the morning in Grace Church, and preached in the afternoon in Christ Church, Newark, New Jersey.

October 11th and 12th. I was present at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions, in New York.

October 12th. I was present at the adjourned meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, New York.

October 16th. I was present at the meeting of the House of Bishops, at which the Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D.D., was elected Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, in the Indian Territory.

October 17th. Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. Made an address in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Burlington, N. J.; and preached and cele-

brated the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached in S. Mary's Church, Burlington, in the afternoon.

October 19th. I laid the corner stone of the Free Church of the Ascension, Ida Hill, Troy, and made the address. The clergy present were Rev. Drs. Coit and Tucker, and the Rev. Messrs. Walsh, Adams, Widdemer, Mulford, Townsend, Brown, Hall, Ferguson, and Olmsted of New York. The Church is built by the munificence of Mr. Farnam, a parishioner of S. John's. The existence of the mission is due to the Rector and people of S. John's, and especially to Mr. Tillinghast, superintendent of the Sunday-school. In the evening, in the mission room of this congregation, now a mission of S. John's, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Tucker, and Messrs. Widdemer, and Olmsted of New York, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed thirteen persons, and addressed them. It was a stirring, hearty service, with an excellent spirit, admirable singing, and a cheering promise of what is to be.

Wednesday, October 20th. In S. John's Church, Troy, the Rev. Messrs. Olmsted and Stewart said Morning Prayer, and I preached before the Second Missionary Convocation of the Diocese, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Coit and Tucker, and Rev. Mr. Walsh. After the service, I organized the Convocation. There was present, the Rev. Drs. Coit, Tucker, Clover and Camp; the Rev. Messrs. Nicholls, Hall, Mulford, Walsh, Widdemer, Weil, Babcock, Ferguson, Butler, Upjohn, Davis, F. H. Stubbs, Rulison, Stewart, Brown and Olmstead, and lay delegates

from several parishes. It was an admirable meeting, in numbers, spirit and unity. The Rev. Dr. Coit was elected President. The name was fixed, "The Convocation of Troy," and a constitution was adopted. In the afternoon, I presided at the first meeting of the new Board of Missions. The Rev. Messrs. Walsh, Stewart, Wood and Rulison, and Messrs. Cushney and Sailly were present. Rev. Mr. Walsh was appointed Secretary, and Selden E. Marvin, Treasurer, and the Board entered earnestly upon its work.

Friday, October 22d. In S. Mark's Church, Green Island, I said Evening Prayer and preached.

Sunday, October 24th. I began a tour specially for organizing the Missionary Convocations, and stirring a missionary spirit in the churches. In the morning I said prayers and preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. George's Church, Schenectady. In the afternoon, in Christ Church, I said the service and preached. At night I said prayers, and preached again in S. George's Church.

Monday, October 25th. In the morning, in S. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, I said Morning Prayer and preached. In the afternoon, in Zion Church, Fonda, the Rev. Mr. Howard, the missionary, and Mr. Murray, said Evening Prayer, and I preached; and, after the service, I organized the Convocation of Schenectady.

Tuesday, October 26th. In S. John's Church, Johnstown, the Rev. Messrs. Murray (Rector) and Eastman said Morning Prayer, and I preached. In the evening, in the Masonic Hall, Gloversville, the Rev. Messrs. Murray and Eastman said Evening

Prayer, and I preached, and met the Vestry, and examined lots for the Church building.

Wednesday, October 27th. I consecrated Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, after enlargement. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Stanley, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. J. H. H. Brown. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Howard, Murray, Wood, Lancaster and Danker, and I preached, and confirmed twelve persons, and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Van Deusen and the Rev. Dr. W. R. Johnson. In the afternoon I organized the Convocation of the Hudson and Mohawk; eight clergy were present, and delegates from four parishes. At night, at a missionary meeting, the Rev. Messrs. Danker, Lancaster and Wood said Evening Prayer, and the Rev. Messrs. Brown and Webb and I made the addresses.

October 28th. I consecrated Trinity Church, Fairfield. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. Mr. Webb, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. J. H. H. Brown; the same clergy said Morning Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed four persons, and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Mr. Webb, the missionary. The Church here has been very judiciously enlarged and improved, and is now, for the first time, consecrated, though built over fifty years. At night, in the Union Meeting House, at Middleville, the Rev. Mr. Brown and Webb said Evening Prayer, and confirmed four persons.

October 29th. In Grace Church, Norway, the Rev. Mr. Brown said the Litany, and I preached, and confirmed four persons, and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. At night, in the Universalist House of Worship, at Newport, the Rev. Messrs. Webb and Brown said Evening Prayer, and I preached. This is a noble field, and Mr. Webb worked here with indomitable self-devotion. It is a very extensive and laborious field; his going is a great loss; as an instance of the labor, a three days' record will suffice. From Friday night to Monday night he walked twenty-nine miles; had three services, with three sermons on Sunday and a baptism, made many visits and prepared his candidates. The large number confirmed, the enlarged and greatly improved church building, and the increased congregation and communicants are due, under God, solely to him. Mr. Johnson, to my great relief, takes this field, and Mr. Webb goes to Luzerne.

October 30th. In Christ Church, Herkimer, the Rev. Messrs. Hagar, of Central New York, Webb and Lancaster said Morning Prayer, and I baptized two adults and one infant, and preached, and confirmed twelve persons, and one in private, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Wood. The parish school is growing admirably, and the whole tone of things is excellent.

October 31st. Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity. In the school-house, at Ilion, the Rev. Mr. Lancaster said Morning Prayer, and I baptized an adult, preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The little Church is under cover here, and is ex-

tremely pretty. In the afternoon I went to Mohawk, where, in a public hall, the Rev. Mr. Wood and Lancaster said Evening Prayer, and I preached.

November 1st. All Saints' Day. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

Wednesday, November 3d. I licensed Mr. Thomas A. Tillinghast as Lay Reader in S. John's Church, Troy, under the Rev. Mr. Walsh.

November 4th. I consecrated Zion Church, Morris, after the enlargement and repair. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rector, the Rev. N. S. Rulison, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. D. H. Buel. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Davis, Lighthipe, Slade and Stubbs, and I preached, and confirmed nine persons, and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buel and Hughes. In the afternoon I organized the Convocation of the Susquehanna. Ten clergymen were present, and delegates from six parishes. At night, the Rev. Messrs. Buel, Slade, Stubbs and Davis said Evening Prayer, and I preached. It was a delightful day, and a beautiful service. The Church is most successfully altered into a spacious and churchlike building. The one sorrow was the fear, since become a fact, of Rulison's going; he is a very great loss to us all.

November 7th. Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's, Albany, in the morning, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, of Pennsylvania, preached; and in the afternoon and evening I presided at the delegate

meeting of the Board of Missions. Mr. William Walch, of Philadelphia, in the afternoon, spoke to all the Sunday-school children of the city. It was a fine service and a noble sight. The Rev. Mr. Snively, of Christ Church, Cincinnati, in the evening, preached the opening sermon.

Monday, November 8th. Presided in the delegate meeting, in the morning, at S. Peter's Church, and in the evening at Holy Innocents, where I made an address.

November 9th. In S. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, the Rev. Messrs. Hayward, Thorpe and Stewart said Evening Prayer, the Rev. Mr. Winkley preached, and I made an address.

November 10th. In S. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, the Rev. Messrs. Kidney, Stewart, Randall and Potter said Morning Prayer, and I preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Peters, and Messrs. Cook and Hopkins. There was a very large number of communicants. In the afternoon I organized the Convocation of Ogdensburgh, with twelve or more clergymen present, and a good number of lay delegates. At night, the Rev. Messrs. Tyng, Clemson, Hayward and Potter said Evening Prayer, and I preached. It was a good meeting, with the very best spirit, and signs of life and interest.

Thursday, November 11th. In S. Mark's Church, Malone, I catechized and addressed the children in the afternoon; and at night, the Rev. Messrs. Fulton, of the Diocese of Montreal, Randall and Cook, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed eleven persons, presented by the Rector, the Rev

Mr. Stewart, and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Heffernan, of the Diocese of New York, was present.

Saturday, November 13th. I licensed Mr. Horace A. Taylor as Lay Reader, at Malone, under Mr. Stewart; and Mr. R. Waltham, B.A., at Catskill, under Mr. Weeks, and consented to the organization of the New Lebanon Mission and of the Morley Mission.

November 14th. Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity. In S. Peter's, Albany, I celebrated the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached morning and afternoon.

Monday, November 15th. I officiated in the Public School-house at New Lebanon. The Rev. Mr. Wells, of Massachusetts, and W. R. Johnson said Evening Prayer, and I preached. The mission promises excellently. At present it is in charge of Mr. Wells.

November 21st. Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity. In the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, Massachusetts, with the Rev. Mr. Holbrook, I preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

November 28th. First Sunday in Advent. I preached the anniversary sermon in the Church of the Advent, Boston, and celebrated the Holy Communion. It was a very loving and grateful service. In the afternoon I preached in the Church of the Good Samaritan, and at night, in the Church of the Messiah.

November 30th. S. Andrew's Day. At the Church of the Advent I baptized an infant, and celebrated the Holy Communion, and organized S. Mark's Mission, Garrattsville, Otsego county.

December 5th. Second Sunday in Advent. In . Paul's Church, Troy, I preached on Missions, and elebrated the Holy Communion, the Rev. Dr. Coit ssisting. In the afternoon, in the Chapel of S. ohn's Church, Troy, I said Evening Prayer and reached. At night, in S. John's, Troy, the Rev. r. Tucker and the Rev. Mr. Walsh said Evening rayer, and I preached. Between the services I onfirmed, in private, a parishioner of S. John's.

December 6th. I confirmed, in private, a parishner of Trinity Church, Albany, and received the ev. T. G. Clemson from the Diocese of New Jersey.

December 7th. I presided at the annual meeting f the Albany Bible and Prayer-Book Society, in . Peter's Vestry Room. The new edition of the rayer-Book was authorized at this meeting, bearg the imprint of the Society. I received to-day e welcome and generous gift of one hundred dolrs worth of books from the Church-Book Society New York, and sent them equally to Ilion, Brush's ills, Keeseville and Middleville.

December 11th. Saturday evening, in Christ hurch, Coxsackie, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Danker, id Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed even persons, and addressed them.

December 12th. Third Sunday in Advent. In hrist Church, Hudson, then vacant, I said Morning rayer and preached. In the afternoon I addressed e Sunday-school children, and confirmed, in rivate, one person. At night I preached again, nd afterward met the Vestry.

December 16th. In S. Mark's Church, Hoosac alls, the Rev. Dr. Coit and the Rector, the Rev.

Mr. Nicholls, said Evening Prayer. The Rector baptized an adult, and I preached, and confirmed thirteen persons.

Saturday, December 18th. At Delhi I finished Mr. Richey's examination in the presence of the Rev. Messrs. E. B. Russell and D. Ellis Willes; and afterward, in S. John's Church, Delhi, the Rev. Messrs. Willes and G. Huntington said Morning Prayer, and I preached, and advanced the Rev. Joseph Richey, Deacon, to the sacred order of Priests. The Rev. Mr. Russell presented the candidate, and assisted me in the Holy Communion, which I celebrated. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Richey, the Rector elect, and Russell said Evening Prayer, and I baptized nine adults, and confirmed fifteen persons, with one in private—sixteen, and preached, and addressed them.

December 19th. Fourth Sunday in Advent. In S. John's Church, Delhi, the Rev. Mr. Russell said Morning Prayer and I preached, and instituted the Rev. Joseph Richey into the Rectorship. The Rector celebrated the Holy Communion. These were wonderful services. The parish is alive, and the promise most admirable. The church will be soon enlarged. At night, in S. Paul's, Church, Franklin, the Rev. Messrs. Richey and Russell said Evening Prayer, the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Ogden, being present, and I preached.

December 21st. S. Thomas' Day. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

December 22d. I confirmed in private a parishioner of S. Peter's Church, Albany.

December 25th. Christmas Day. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church, Albany, and said Evening Prayer, and consented to the consecration to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God, of the Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D.D., Missionary Bishop elect of Arkansas.

December 26th. First Sunday after Christmas. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in the morning, and in the afternoon catechized the children, in S. Peter's, Albany.

December 27th. S. John. I preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's.

December 29th. I set forth a form of prayer for New Year's Day and for the Governor and Legislature of the State.

1870, January 1st. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's, Albany.

January 2d. Second Sunday after Christmas. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached in the afternoon, in S. Peter's, Albany.

January 4th. In Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs, the Rev. J. M. Peck, of Vermont, and the Rev. Messrs. Pennell, Locke and Fisher said Morning Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed twenty-seven persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Camp, and the Rev. Messrs. Brown, Buel, Wood, Stewart, Payne, Carey and Walker. The Rev. Dr. Babcock, and Messrs. Luson and Webb were present. In the afternoon I presided at the quarterly meeting of the Board of Missions. In the evening the Rev. Messrs.

Stewart, Carey, Webb and Locke said Evening Prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Brown and I made missionary addresses. There were present the Rector, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell, Wood, and Peck of Vermont.

January 6th. The Epiphany. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's. In the evening, after a very rich and noble choral service in the Holy Cross, Troy, I preached a missionary sermon, the Rev. Dr. Coit, the Rector, and Messrs. Mulford, Widdemer and Adams being present.

January 9th. First Sunday after the Epiphany. I celebrated the Holy Communion, and preached in S. Peter's in the morning, and preached in the afternoon and baptized an infant. At night I preached in S. Paul's Church, Albany.

January 16th. Second Sunday after the Epiphany. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in the morning, and preached in the afternoon in S. Peter's, Albany.

January 19th. I attended a special meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary in New York.

January 23d. Third Sunday after the Epiphany. In S. Peter's, Albany, I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in the morning, and preached in the afternoon and baptized an infant. At night I preached in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany.

January 25th. Conversion of S. Paul. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in S. Peter's in the morning, and in the evening in Christ

Church, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Coit and the Rev. Messrs. Hall and Chapman said Evening Prayer, and I preached before the order of S. Paul. The Rector, and the Rev. Dr. Tucker, and the Rev. Messrs. Adams and Danker, were present. It seems an excellent organization for work, which it is really doing, and the service was very hearty and pleasant, with capital music.

January 27th. I preached at night in S. Peter's Mission Room.

January 29th. I confirmed, in S. Peter's, a parishioner of Grace Church.

January 30th. Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in the morning, in S. Peter's, and in the afternoon catechized the children.

February 3d. The Presentation. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's, Albany.

February 6th. Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in the morning, in S. Peter's, and in the evening preached in Grace Church, Albany.

February 10th. I organized S. Philip's Mission, Madrid, St. Lawrence county.

February 13th. Septuagesima Sunday. In Grace Church, Waterford, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion. At night I preached in the new Mission Chapel of S. Paul's Church, Troy, a very vigorous and promising offshoot, the Rev. Dr, Coit and Mr. Adams saying Evening Prayer.

February 16th. I licensed Mr. Frank J. Lawrence, Lay Reader at Hait's Falls, under the Rev. W. B. Walker.

February 22d. In the evening, in the church building of S. Augustine's Parish, Ilion, the Rev. Drs. Gibson and Hager, of Central New York, and the Rev. Messrs. Stanley and Wood said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed sixteen persons and addressed them.

February 24th. S. Matthias Day. I consecrated S. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rev. J. H. Babcock, the missionary, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. George Fisher; the Rev, J. H. Kidney preached the sermon; the Rev. Messrs. Graves, Neide, Wainwright and Walker said Morning Prayer and I celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Payne, Bostwick and Camp. The Rev. Messrs. H. M. Davis, Clemson, Carey and Slade, and the Rev. Mr. Sweet, of Western New York, were present. It is an exquisite Church, beautifully situated, and complete with all its appointments, with a parish school building, the generous gift of Dr. C. H. Payne and Mrs. Payne, and the deed given to the Board of Missions now incorporated. In the evening the Rev. Dr. Bostwick and Messrs. Neide, Fisher and Slade said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed twelve persons. The services all day have been lovely, and the music admirable. The result shows earnest, faithful work, corresponding to the liberal givings of the warden of the parish. Union Village must be connected with this work as a mission station.

February 27th. Quinquagesima Sunday. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in S. Peter's, Albany, in the morning. In the afternoon, in the Church of the Messiah, Greenbush, the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Clover, said Evening Prayer, and I catechized the children and preached, and confirmed five persons and addressed them.

March 2d. Ash Wednesday. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

Friday, March 4th. I preached in S. Peter's.

March 6th. First Sunday in Lent. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in S. Peter's in the morning and afternoon, and preached in S. Peter's Mission Chapel at night.

Wednesday, March 9th. I preached in S. Peter's.

Friday, March 11th. I preached in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

March 12th. I held the canonical examination of Mr. C. W. Camp for Deacon's Order in the presence of the Rev. Drs. Coit and Tucker; and of the Rev. E. T. Bartlett, deacon, for Priest's Order, in the presence of the Rev. Messrs. Davenport and Reese. Admitted Mr. P. Q. Wilson, a member of the Dutch Reform denomination, as candidate for Holy Orders, on the recommendation of the standing committee, and authorized Bishop Young to ordain Mr. William Skene deacon for me.

March 13th. Second Sunday in Lent and Ember Sunday. In S. Peter's Church, Albany, the Rev. Messrs. Cookson and Fisher said Morning Prayer and I preached, and admitted Mr. C. W. Camp to the Order of Deacon, and advanced the Rev. E. T.

Bartlett, deacon, to the Order of Priests. The candidate for Deacon's Order was presented by the Rev. Mr. Cookson, and the candidate for Priest's Order by the Rev. J. R. Davenport, of New York, who joined in the laying on of hands; and I celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Cookson and Fisher. At night, a very stormy night, in S. Luke's Church, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Coit and the Rev. Mr. Widdemer, the Rector, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed thirteen persons and addressed them. An earnest and large congregation considering the storm.

March 16th. I preached in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

March 18th. I preached in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

March 19th. In Trinity Church, West Troy, the Rev. Dr. Tucker and Messrs. Adams and Chapman said Evening Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed twelve persons and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Widdemer was present.

March 20th. Third Sunday in Lent. In Trinity Church, West Troy, I celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. John Townsend, all the newly confirmed receiving. It was a most impressive service, fitly crowning last night's excellent results. In S. Paul's Church, Troy, at half-past ten, the Rev. Drs. Coit and Potter and the Rev. Mr. Adams said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed forty-four persons and addressed them. In the afternoon, in the Mission Room of S. John's Church, on Ida Hill, the Rev. Mr. Walsh said Evening Prayer and I preached,

and confirmed seven persons and addressed them. The service was simple, earnest and beautiful. At night, in S. John's Church, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Tucker and the Rev. Mr. Walsh said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed fourteen persons (one being in private) and addressed them.

March 23d. I preached in S. Peter's, Albany.

March 24th. I presided at the meeting of the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, and of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

March 25th. The Annunciation. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church, Albany, and baptized an infant, in the morning; and at night I preached and baptized two adults.

March 26th. In S. Peter's, Albany, I baptized an adult.

March 27th. Fourth Sunday in Lent. In Christ's Church, Troy, the Rev. Mr. Mulford said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed nine persons and addressed them. At night, in the Chapel of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, the Rev. B. J. Hall and I said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed twelve persons (one in private) and addressed them. It was a noble service, the room over full, and more turned away than came in.

Monday, March 28th. In the evening, in the Methodist House of Worship at Hait's Falls, Schaghticoke, the Rev. W. B. Walker, the missionary, and the Rev. B. J. Hall said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them—a most remarkable result of de-

voted labor. The neighboring clergy have aided, but the result is due, under God, to the faithful devotion of Mr. Walker, who adds this, so far without remuneration, to his other work. There will be better things here yet, and a new church before long. It is really life from the dead.

March 29th. In S. Luke's Church, Cambridge, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Graves, said Morning Prayer, and I catechized the children and preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The work here will be established now, the Church soon paid for, and the parish will grow. Mr. Graves is a great accession. In the afternoon in S. Paul's Church, Salem, after a short service and some carols, the Rector catechized the children and I addressed them. This service is an institution in this parish, and the Rector ought to be brevetted brigadier-general of the Sunday-school army for service in the field. The Sunday-school here is what it ought to be—the confirmation class of the parish and the nursery of the Church. At night the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Graves, said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

March 30th. In Trinity Church, Granville, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Upjohn, said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed nine persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The desolations of the Church, material and spiritual, are repaired, and the Rector's service is telling effectively. He holds service besides at Wells, in the Diocese of Vermont and occasionally

Hampton. An epidemic sickness diminished the
.ss very much, but it is a great gain to the Church.
idland and North Granville ought to be and will
worked from here.

March 31st. At night, in the Methodist House
Worship at Hampton, the Rev. Mr. Randall, of
ermont, and the Rev. Mr. Upjohn said Evening
ayer and I preached. It was a veritable mission-
y service, with no choir but hearty singing. This
a strange and rather sad story of a mother that
s died in giving birth to vigorous children.
irist's Church, Hampton, used to comprise White-
ll, Salem, Granville, Poultney, Fairhaven, and the
hole neighborhood. In 1813 seventy persons
ere confirmed by Bishop Hobart. Now the old
urch is gone, desecrated into a candlestick factory,
light removed; nothing left but the graveyard;
e parsonage and lot sold, and the second chapel,
ilt on leased ground, lost. The money can be
covered and perhaps used; the few church people
orship in the new church at Poultney. If services
e to be revived here, it may be in connection with
ranville or with Poultney. The Vestry will be
organized at Easter.

April 1st. I presided at the quarterly meeting of
e Board of Missions. May God give us a heartier
d a more catholic spirit about this work. At night
preached in S. Peter's Church, Albany.

April 3d. Passion Sunday. In the morning, in
Peter's Church, Albany, I preached and celebrated
e Holy Communion, and preached in the afternoon.
t night, in S. John's Church, Cohoes, the Rev. Mr.
rown, the Rector, and the Rev. Mr. Upjohn said

Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed fifty-one persons (three in private) and addressed them. Such results tell their own story, of single-handed labor in a most difficult field. The service was delightful, and more people went away than were crowded into the church. Three hundred children, three hundred communicants and more attendants are cared for in a building that cannot seat one-third of them. Never was there more eloquent argument for the new church than here.

Monday, April 4th. After a short service I broke ground for the new church building of S. John's, Cohoes:—A very impressive and beautiful sight. The work is blessed from its very beginning. I organized the Hogansburg and Chateaugay Missions.

Wednesday, April 6th. In S. Peter's Church, Albany, I preached and baptized two infants, and organized S. James' Mission, Oneonta.

April 10th. Palm Sunday. In the morning, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany, the Rector, the Rev. Royal Marshall, said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed sixteen persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I preached in S. Peter's Church; and at night, in S. Paul's, Albany; the Rev. Messrs. Reese, Rector, Harrison, assistant minister, and Cookson said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed thirty-nine persons and addressed them.

April 11th. Monday in Holy Week. In Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, I buried the Rev. Henry Stanley. The Rev. Drs. Metcalf, Van Deusen and Gibson, and Messrs. Coxe, Goodrich, Waterbury, Hagar and

Parker, of Central New York, and Messrs. W. R. Johnson, Wood and Lancaster, of Albany, were present. It was a solemn, simple and impressive service. Stanley's work in this parish has been admirable; the church enlargement and consecration are due to him; he was foremost in all the painstaking and lowly details of his office, and his daily life was a powerful lever and a mighty leaven. His nature was eminently shrinking and sensitive, and unconsciously he felt as slights and shocks, what, to many of us, would be rather stimulants. There is a warm appreciation of his character and work in his old parish *now*. It probably was always felt, but he was not rated and valued as he deserved to be; and desiring to speak justly and quietly, I believe that a more hearty co-operation in sincere sympathy, a more just recognition of his eminent worth, would have prolonged a precious life. He was the first of us to go home, and the fittest, I think, by far. To me this is a real personal sorrow, for he loved me as I loved him, and his kindly, genial, thoughtful, cordial courtesy made a warm welcome for me in his delightful home, and has beguiled many tedious hours of travel over the rough places of Herkimer county, which he has exchanged for the serene rest of the Paradise of God. Dr. Metcalf, his old pastor and teacher, and Dr. Gibson, his old college chum, were with us at the service. After this service I baptized one person.

I append, as rightly a part of the Diocesan archives, the resolutions of the Vestry at his death:

At a meeting of the Warden and Vestry of Emmanuel Church, Little Falls, held on the 15th day of April, in

the year of our Lord, 1870, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in the dispensation of an all-wise and overruling providence, God, in his tender mercies, has seen fit to remove from our midst our much-loved and faithful pastor, the Rev. Henry Stanley; therefore,

Resolved, That in this sudden and afflictive bereavement, the Church sustains an irreparable loss of a faithful and godly minister, the parish an efficient and untiring laborer, and our community a man who was a living exemplification, in his daily walk and conversation, of the religion of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That in our condolence with the family and relatives of our departed friend, and beloved pastor, we find language inadequate to express our sympathies, and in the sadness of our hearts commend them to our heavenly Father, and implore His grace and mercy to sustain them in their great affliction.

(Signed) E. B. WAITE,
Clerk of the Vestry.

April 12th. Tuesday in the Holy Week. In the morning I celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's; and in the afternoon, in the quiet, holy churchyard of S. George's, I buried George Herbert Payne. I was sorry to find so few of our clergy at these services; but, the season, with its multiplied duties, kept them away. The sympathy of us all, I am sure, will rest with the bereaved and beloved households of Little Falls and Schenectady.

April 13th. Wednesday in the Holy Week. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached in S. Peter's, Albany.

April 14th. Maundy Thursday. I celebrated the Holy Communion and preached, and baptized three adults and one infant in S. Peter's, Albany.

April 15th. Good Friday. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's.

April 16th. Easter Even. I celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's in the morning and preached in the afternoon, and confirmed twenty-six persons, with one in private—twenty-seven. The lovely memorial window unveiled to-day, with its bed of violets at the base, flooded the Church with such fragrance, and filled it with such soft and tender light, as seemed almost to come from Paradise.

April 17th. Easter. I addressed the children in S. Peter's Mission at nine o'clock in the morning, and at half-past ten o'clock I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's Church. It was a very fine service, with large communion and offerings to the amount of nine hundred dollars. In the afternoon I was with the children singing carols. At night, in S. Mark's Church, Green Island, the Rev. Mr. Chapman, the Rector, and Dr. Tucker said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed fifteen persons. It was a very lovely service, choral, and in the best spirit.

April 18th and 19th. Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week I celebrated the Holy Communion in S. Peter's, Albany.

April 22d. I presided at the meeting of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

April 27th. In Grace Church, Albany, in the evening, the Rev. E. B. Russell, Rector, and the Rev. Mr. Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them, with two in private afterward—sixteen.

April 28th. In Trinity Church, Albany, in the

evening, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Selkirk, and the Rev. Mr. Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed ten persons and addressed them.

April 30th. I commenced my visitation of the Catskill region—Greene and Delaware counties. The weather was delicious all the time, and the driving, though difficult, was delightful. The Rev. Mr. Weeks went with me as Chaplain through it all. A large part of the journey lay through the desolated tract where the freshet had swept everything before it. The bridges were almost all gone. Rensselaerville especially has suffered most serious loss. At night, in the Presbyterian House of Worship at Leeds, the Rev. Robert Weeks, the missionary, and W. C. Camp said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed seven persons and addressed them. This is a new mission of St. Luke's, promising very well. It is a labor of love on the part of Weeks. The people are few and poor, but interested. If a church can be built here, and the mission joined to Cairo, it will be a good thing for both.

May 1st. Second Sunday after Easter: SS. Philip and James. In the morning in S. Luke's Church, Catskill, I catechized the children before service; and afterward the Rev. Messrs. Weeks, the Rector, and Camp, assistant, said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed thirteen persons and addressed them—a very simple and beautiful service, with the loveliest spring flowers. At night in Calvary Church, Cairo, the Rev. Messrs. Pidsley, the Rector, and Weeks said Evening Prayer and I preached. I am sorry to record Mr. Pidsley's removal to Salt Lake city. He has filled a very

lonely and laborious position with most patient and faithful work, having but a slight promise of return. I trust he may come back to us. His loss is one of the few that have fallen upon me this year, and one which I sincerely regret.

May 2d. In Christ Church, Greeneville, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks and Danker said Morning Prayer and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the missionary, the Rev. H. C. Randall. At night in S. Paul's Church, Oak Hill, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks and Wenman said Evening Prayer, and I baptized four adults and one infant, preached, and confirmed seven persons, and one in private—eight, and addressed them. This secures valuable additions to the strength of the Church; and the parish needs it. It has lost a very valuable man in the death of Mr. Peck, and the place has been seriously injured—first by fire, and then by flood. It is very pleasant to find these two vacant places so well filled.

May 3d. In Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks and Randall said Morning Prayer and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Washbon and Wenman. The destruction of the flood here has been fearful. The driving to Windham was made difficult and dangerous, but we accomplished it safely, thank God.

May 4th. In Trinity Church, Windham, in Ashland, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks and Wenman said Morning Prayer and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the

Holy Communion. The men left their work in the fields to come to the service here, and the whole service was very striking. In the afternoon, in Grace Church, Prattsville, the Rev. Messrs. Prout and Weeks said Evening Prayer and I preached. The state of things here is mending a little, but the Church is very weak. The only hope of this county is in itinerant missionary work. Two Deacons, under the Rector of Windham, could care for Leeds, Cairo, Ashland, Windham, Prattsville, and other points now waste. The Ashland Chapel is useless where it is, and ought to be moved.

May 5th. In S. Paul's Church, Hobart, the Rev. Messrs. Prout and Weeks said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed eight persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Willes.

May 6th. In S. John's Church, Delhi, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks, Stubbs and Ogden said Morning Prayer and I preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Richey, the Rector, and Russell. In the afternoon in Christ Church, Walton, the Rev. Messrs. Weeks, Ogden and Stubbs said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

May 7th. In S. Paul's Church, Franklin, in the morning, the Rev. Messrs. Stubbs and Huntington said Morning Prayer, and I confirmed seven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ogden. Mr. Ogden is doing a good work here. The debt of the parish, amounting to $1,800, has been paid by Mr. Ogden's energy, and two missionary services are held in the neighborhood.

May 8th. Third Sunday after Easter. In Emmanuel Church, Otego, the Rev. W. M. Ogden said Morning Prayer and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Hughes, Rector. At night, in the hall used by S. James' Mission in Oneonta, the Rev. L. H. Lighthipe, the missionary, said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed one person. Things look better here, and the promise is, I think, admirable. It is worked at disadvantage, but the arrangement was the only one I could make. I hope to better it soon.

May 9th. I received notice from Bishop Johns of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. John Cosby, and licensed as Lay Readers, Mr. Rundle, at Oak Hill, Mr. Nicholas Clute, at Coxsackie.

May 11th. In Christ Church, Ballston Spa, the Rev. Dr. Tucker and Messrs. Danker and Wainwright said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed twenty-two persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Babcock and Bostwick and Mr. Carey, Rector. There were present, the Rev. Messrs. Walsh, Brown, Clover, Upjohn and F. Stubbs, of Troy Convocation, at whose meeting I presided in the afternoon. The service was very lovely, and the music admirable. Carey's work is overrunning the Church, I am glad to say.

May 12th. I received from Bishop Littlejohn notice of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. A. McElroy Wylie. Bishop Stevens ordained for me the Rev. J. Hutchings Brown, priest.

May 16th. In the morning in S. John's Church, Johnstown, the Rev. J. B. Murray, Rector, and the Rev. Mr. Brown said Morning Prayer, and I confirmed eleven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

May 17th. In the morning in S. Paul's Church, Charlton, the Rev. J. H. Tyng, Rector, and Dr. Payne said Morning Prayer and I preached, and celebrated the Holy Communion. At night in S. George's Church, Schenectady, the Rev. Wm. Payne said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them. I had the pleasure of Bishop Bissell's accidental presence at this service. The Rector, Dr. Payne, and Dr. E. N. Potter and Mr. Wainwright were present.. This is a large gleaning from a well-reaped field; and, as a rare event, the men outnumbered the women.

May 18th. In the morning in Christ Church, Duanesburgh, the Rev. George L. Neide, Rector, said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed seven persons and addressed them. This parish is the first, formally to comply with the Canon about the Bishop's travelling expenses, and, with the exception of S. Luke's, Cambridge, the only one. I do not say this complainingly. The clergy are too ready, if I would let them, to pay my fares; and the courtesy of churchmen passes me free over several railroads. And in the large parts of the Diocese, where railroads have not come, the laity are always ready to convey me; but the canonical, parochial provision was offered in these two instances only.

May 19th. In the afternoon in Trinity Church, Sharon Springs, the Rector, the Rev. E. T. Bartlett

said Evening Prayer and I baptized an adult, preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

May 20th. In Grace Church, Cherry Valley, in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Schwartz, Rector, said Morning Prayer and I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. At night, in the Methodist House of Worship at Springfield, I baptized two adults and preached, and confirmed one person.

May 22d. Fifth Sunday after Easter. In the Church of the Holy Cross, Troy, the Rev. Dr. Tucker said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed thirteen persons (and one in private)—fourteen, and addressed them.

May 23d. In the afternoon in S. Paul's Church, Albany, the Rev. Messrs. Reese, Russell and Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed seven persons, deaf mutes, and addressed them, the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet interpreting. It was a most touching service.

May 24th. Rogation Tuesday, I instituted the Rev. Wm. Andrew Snively into the Rectorship of S. Peter's Church, Albany. The Rev. Messrs. Reese, Brown and Danker said Morning Prayer; the Rev. Mr. Lobdell preached the sermon. The Rector celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. E. R. Bishop, of Connecticut, Selkirk, Russell, Walsh and Wm. Marvin Jones. Mr. Snively's election and entrance upon his duties are an intense relief to me, and a very great pleasure beside, with abundant promise of the very best results. Mr. Snively has consented to accept the appointment of examining chaplain. Fairly broken

down here by anxiety and the overstrain of watching and working, I had to give up work, and suspend and alter my appointments, undertaking to do only what was pressing and necessary.

June 2d. I organized Grace Mission, Hancock.

June 3d. I licensed Mr. A. C. Moses Lay Reader at Deposit under the Rev. L. H. Lighthipe.

June 9th. I laid the corner stone of S. John's Church, Cohoes, the Rev. Mr. Snively and Brown, the Rector, assisting, and the Rev. Mr. Hopkins making the address. Evening Prayer was previously said by the Rev. Messrs. Walsh, Carey, Ferguson, Chapman and Townsend. There were present besides, the Rev. Messrs. Clover, Selkirk, Schwartz, Weeks, Widdemer, Russell, Luson and Fisher. It was the best ordered out-door service I ever saw, and the whole scene was beautiful. The confluent rivers, the island, and the hills beyond in full view under the setting sunlight, from the commanding position of the Church; the children in white, with their banners, the crowd of interested lookers-on, the number of clergy, the psalms and hymns sung as we walked with the accompaniment of a full band; all made up a service of rare attractiveness and impressiveness. I had a special pleasure, too, in the dawn of a too long deferred hope, that my good brother, the Rector, was to have room in which to gather the large returns of his faithful work. Even the rich fools in this world know enough to build greater barns for their increasing harvests; and a small free church must be a failure. It was a small thing, perhaps; but small incongruities mar an otherwise harmonious whole. And the

spectacle of surpliced clergy walking under every conceivable variety of ugly hats, was a great descent. In the constant recurrence of out-door services, and in the increase of ecclesiastical processions, we ought to adopt some style of head-dress.

June 11th. Ember Saturday. I held the examination, in the presence of the three examining chaplains and the Rev. George C. Pennell, of the seven candidates for the Diaconate, and the Rev. George Fisher, Deacon. It was against all my principles to give only a single day—and that the day before ordination—to this work. It is my purpose to give the most of the Ember Weeks for the examination first, and then for the spiritual preparation of the candidates; but I had this time neither house nor health. The examinations were distributed, and the whole day was spent upon the single examination required for the Diaconate, which was thorough, and satisfied the chaplains and myself entirely. Four of the deacons have since passed their examinations for Priest's Order.

June 12th. Trinity Sunday. In S. Peter's Church, Albany, Morning Prayer was said early by the Rector and the Rev. Messrs. Pennell and Locke. At half-past ten o'clock in the morning, I held the ordination. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. N. Potter, D.D., and I admitted to the Order of Deacons, Mr. James Earl Hall, Mr. George Dent Silliman and Mr. Peter Quick Wilson, presented by the Rev. Mr. Snively; and Mr. E. Gregory Prout and Mr. William Curtis Prout, presented by the Rev. Mr. Prout, their father; and Mr. Howard Taylor Widdemer, presented by the Rev. Mr. Wid-

demer, his father; and Mr. Joshua Nelson Thomson Goss, presented by the Rev. Mr. Pennell. I also advanced to the sacred Order of Priests, the Rev. George Fisher, Deacon, presented by the Rev. Mr. Snively; and the Rev. Robert Shaw Locke, Deacon, presented by the Rev. Mr. Pennell. I made the address to the candidates, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector; the other priests joining in the laying on of hands, besides the preacher and the presenters, were the Rev. Messrs. Selkirk and Russell. The whole service was very fine; a good promise for the new Diocese; and its personal interest was enhanced by the fact, that in two instances a father had the double privilege of giving himself and his sons to the service of the Master. It struck me as a great rebuke to our lay people and a noble tribute to the self-sacrifice of the clergy. Mr. E. G. Prout was ordained for the Bishop of North Carolina. At night, in S. Luke's Church, Troy, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell and H. T. Widdemer and Goss said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed seventeen persons and addressed them. Dr. Coit and Mr. Locke were present. It tells a true story of faithful and successful work here, that thirty in all have been confirmed this year, and that of the present class ten were men.

June 13th. In S. Mark's, Green Island, I baptized the Rector's infant child.

June 14th. I received from Bishop Eastburn notice of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. E. B. Allen. I presided at the meeting of the Committee on the Constitution and Canons.

June 19th. First Sunday after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Communion in the Church of the Advent, Boston.

June 22d. I licensed Mr. Arthur Augustine Camp and Mr. Frederick Theodore Camp, Lay Readers in the parish at Saratoga, under the Rev. Dr. Camp.

June 26th. Second Sunday after Trinity. I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in the Church of the Advent, Boston.

June 30th. I attended the meeting of the trustees of the General Theological Seminary, New York.

July 2d. In the Church of the Messiah, Glen's Falls, in the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Bostwick and the Rev. E. E. Butler, Rector, said Evening Prayer and I preached, and confirmed seven persons and addressed them. A very sweet new organ has been added to the Church since I was here; and flowers, in the same luxurious loveliness, greeted me again this year.

July 3d. Third Sunday after Trinity. In the morning in S. James' Church, Caldwell, the Rev. Dr. Tuttle and W. H. Harison, Rector, said Morning Prayer, and I preached, and confirmed six persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The parish is rejoicing, as well it may, in securing the presence and pastoral cares of Mr. Harison. In the afternoon in the Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh, the Rev. Mr. Oberly said Morning Prayer and I preached, and confirmed five persons and addressed them. The presence of Mr. Messiter at the organ made the sweet music here more beautiful still; and the lovely Church never looked so lovely.

July 4th. In Christ Church, Pottersville, the Rev. Messrs. Oberly and J. S. Clark, the Missionary, said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed four persons and celebrated the Holy Communion. It is a comfort to find this long emptiness filled; but the loneliness of a clergyman in such a situation is a severe sacrifice which Mr. Clark bears with a patience equalling his faithfulness in work.

July 5th. I consented to the consecration of the Rev. William Woodruff Niles, D.D., Bishop elect of New Hampshire, and of the Rev. William Pinkney, D.D., Assistant Bishop elect of Maryland, to the office of Bishop. In Zion Church, Sandy Hill, the Rev. Messrs. George Walker, Cookson, Street of Western New York, and P. Q. Wilson said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed twelve persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Bostwick. In the afternoon, in S. James' Church, Fort Edward, the Rev. Messrs. Butler, Street, G. Walker and Wilson said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed eighteen persons and addressed them. They were presented by Dr. Bostwick, who had prepared them. Mr. Cookson, the Rector just elected, was present. The story of this division of two parishes long together, is one that will bear repeating and imitation. Under the long, devoted care of Dr. Bostwick, the Church had kept pace with the rapid growth of the villages. With the cordial approval of the Rector they determined to divide; and, in the division, each found itself as strong as both had thought themselves before. Mr. Cookson was called at once; and, in a service which attested

and rewarded years of untiring work, Dr. Bostwick consigned to him one part of his old charge. Both these services were of great interest and the deepest feeling.

July 6th. I presided at the meeting of the Board of Missions.

July 9th. I licensed Mr. Henry Griffing as Lay Reader at Warrensburgh under Mr. Oberly.

July 10th. Fourth Sunday after Trinity. In the morning I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion in the Church of the Epiphany, Brighton, Massachusetts.

July 15th. I started on the visitation of the Northern counties. Of the parishes in general it is enough to say, that so far as I saw them, the older churches are filled with new life and the younger growing into strength. I had to omit many of them, in which recent changes of rectors, or other circumstances, made my presence unnecessary. There is a grand missionary spirit among the Northern clergy, which makes the Convocation instinct with life, and extends the labors into places that have been waste. As far as anything can, this atones for the want of a Bishop here; but I feel myself an accident in the far-away region, whose desolation and ripeness for the Church cry out for a Bishop of its own. I am too young and strong to be thinking of any less work; and my breaking down this year was due to a nervous overstrain of anxiety. I have no faintest desire either to lessen my work or to lose a single parish from my care, and I shall not consent to any action pushing off unwilling districts of the Diocese; but it is mere militia sham

fighting to contend with the difficulties and duties of this great field from which I am so long, so far and so much away. My first visitation was to the Clinton County Associate Mission, under the charge of the Rev. George C. Pennell, assisted by the Rev. T. M. Thorpe, priest, and Mr. J. N. T. Goss, deacon. The work here has more than met my most sanguine expectations. There are not men enough, there is not money enough. Mr. Pennell is making sacrifice of both strength and money here which I can hardly ask him to continue. But the results are glorious. The system and order of the work, the sympathy of working, the meeting for counsel and comfort weekly, and for the Holy Eucharist at different points on the Holy Days, and the energy and spirit of a controlling will running through the whole, makes it a great success. Centreville and Ellenburgh have been dead for years. My address last year paints their picture. This year I found them risen to newness of life. The Centreville parsonage occupied; the Ellenburgh church repaired; a parsonage built at Champlain; Rouses Point still vigorous and strong, and Chazy really worked, and regularly. It seems to the good people who have known the field, little short of a miracle. To me, it is simply God's blessing in the energy and devotedness of sensible, practical and churchly means. We can hope for no results except dwindling parishes, discouraged clergy, and the Church starved out, if we go on isolating separate missionaries in little remote points. We ought to establish an associate mission at Essex, at Potsdam, at Canton, at Malone and at Ogdensburgh, for the north, at once. Of the

rest of the Diocese, I shall speak elsewhere. The results will speak for themselves. In the afternoon, in Christ Church, Rouses Point, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell, Thorpe and Goss said Evening Prayer, I preached and confirmed ten persons and addressed them. The music through the whole mission is admirable. The services were choral throughout, very simple and hearty.

July 16th. I licensed as Lay Readers under the Rev. A. H. Stubbs, in the mission in Otsego county, Mr. Whiting Orlo Allen, Mr. David Nash Allen, and Mr. Theodore Snider; and received notice of deposition from the ministry, by Bishop Littlejohn, of the Rev. Wm. D. Harlow.

July 17th. Fifth Sunday after Trinity. In the morning, in S. John's Church, Champlain, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell, Thorpe and Goss said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, in S. Luke's Church, Chazy, the Clergy of the Mission said Evening Prayer, and I preached. At night, in S. John's Church, Champlain, the Clergy of the Mission said a second Evening Service, and I preached on Missions.

July 18th. In the morning, in S. Paul's Church, Centreville, the Clergy of the associate Mission said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed eleven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The church was well filled, and a goodly number communed. In the afternoon, in S. Peter's Church, Ellenburgh, the Clergy again said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed ten

persons and addressed them. The whole service suggested and illustrated the text. After the long night of fruitless toil, the Master's power has seemed to enter in.

July 19th. In S. Mark's Church, Malone, at the opening service of the Convocation of Ogdensburgh, the Rev. Messrs. Babcock, Thorpe, Hayward and Randall said Morning Prayer, the Rev. Mr. Pennell preached the sermon, and I celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Stewart, and the Rev. Messrs. Kidney, and the Rev. Mr. Fulton of the Diocese of Montreal. In the afternoon, I presided at the business meeting of the Convocation. At night, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell, Thorpe, Hopkins and Hayward said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed eleven persons and addressed them. The Clergy present were the Rector and the Rev. Messrs. Kidney, Randall, Babcock, and Fulton of Montreal. It was a very devout and beautiful service.

July 20th. Wednesday. In the morning, in S. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills, the Rev. Messrs. Randall, Hopkins and Thorpe said Morning Prayer and the Rev. Mr. Pennell the Litany, and I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Stewart and Babcock. The little church was filled, and the whole service very pleasant. Mr. Randall's work tells here, and his mission work at Lawrence is admirable besides. In the afternoon, in the Methodist House of Worship in Chateaugay, the Rev. Messrs. Pennell and Thorpe said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed

six persons and addressed them. The indomitable energy of Mr. Stewart has originated this Mission, revived the work at Hogansburgh, and rescued valuable property there, almost lost to the Church. This is a good promise, although hitherto very painful difficulties have embarrassed the undertaking. Mr. Stewart has added an amount of anxiety and labor which he cannot and ought not to continue.

July 21st. In the afternoon, in the Universalist House of Worship at Madrid, the Rev. Messrs. Babcock, Randall and Thorpe said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed four persons, and one in private (five), and addressed them, and baptized an infant. The Rev. Mr. Hayward, the Missionary, was present. This is too important a point to be neglected.

July 22d. Friday. In the School House at Morley, the Rev. F. Harison of New York and Thorpe said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Hayward, the Missionary. It is a great pleasure to see the very beautiful stone church here rising rapidly toward completion.

July 23d. Saturday. In the morning, in Grace Church, Canton, the Rev. Messrs. Loucks of the Diocese of Ontario, Hobbie of this Diocese, and Hill of Massachusetts said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. F. Harison of New York and J. F. Potter, the Rector.

July 24th. Sixth Sunday after Trinity. In Trinity Church, Potsdam, the Rev. F. Harison, of the

Diocese of New York, and James E. Hall said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed ten persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Kidney. I had previously catechized the children. The completion of the stone wall around the church ground is the substantial beginning of an improvement that will greatly enhance the beauty of the lovely site. At night, in Trinity Church, Potsdam, the Rev. Messrs. Kidney and Hall said Evening Prayer, and I preached.

I licensed Mr. Charles Braydon as Lay Reader at Canton.

I received from the Bishop of New York, notice of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. R. H. Bourne and of the Rev. John Cromlish.

July 25th. S. James' Day. I laid the cornerstone of the new S. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Peters, assisting me. I delivered the address. There were present, the Rev. Mr. Burke, of Prescott, and Anderson of Matilda, Canada, and the Rev. Messrs. Kidney, Stewart, Pennell, Hayward, and Messrs. Hall, Goss and Wilson, Deacons, and F. Harison of New York. The day and the service were very fine; the music hearty and admirable. Ogdensburgh will make itself felt even in an enormous diocese, and will be, I trust, the See city of the new diocese, when it is erected. In the afternoon, in Christ Church, Morristown, the Rev. Messrs. F. Harison, Hayward and Hall said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed two persons, presented by the Rev. Mr. Pennell, and addressed them.

July 27th. At Willsborough, the Rev. Messrs. Hopkins and McIlwaine of Vermont said Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Fairbanks of Vermont. In the Essex County House, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins said the Litany, and I confirmed one person and addressed the inmates. The house was in excellent order, and much Christian kindliness and Christian cleanliness were visible. An excellent old man, a Methodist, led the singing, which was very hearty; and his sightless eyes, as he raised them, in the hymns, seemed to see through the veil. At night, in the Chapel of S. John's Church, Essex, the Rev. Messrs. Fiske, of New Jersey, Fairbanks and McIlwaine, of Vermont, said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed twelve persons and addressed them.

July 28th. Thursday. At half-past six o'clock in the morning, I celebrated the Holy Communion in the Chapel at Essex; a very lovely service, at which all the newly confirmed made their first communion. The presence of two of the former Rectors was most welcome here and at other points of the Mission, and the music was very lovely. The arrangement of the Ter-Sanctus of the Doxology in the Lord's Prayer, and of the last paragraph in the Creed, struck me most pleasingly in its simplicity and devoutness, the Priest retaining the natural note of his voice and two voices taking the third and fifth, as the words went on, and so filling up the chord. At eleven o'clock in the morning, in the Union Meeting House at Whallonsburgh, the Rev. Messrs. Fairbanks and McIlwaine said the Litany, and I

preached, confirmed one person and celebrated the Holy Communion, Mr. Hopkins assisting. This double celebration was necessary, from the fact that the missionary here is in Deacon's Order. When this is remembered, the work done in this Mission is all the more remarkable. A Deacon, single handed, occupied through the week with a literary labor of love, able and willing to take in hand five stations, adding visits of mercy, ministered with the tenderest sympathy, to the County House, holding three services every Sunday, with long drives between, has accomplished such results as would do honor to any resident Rector in the Parishes. I confess to very thankful surprise, and yet to the sense of shame and sorrow, that such a field should not be cared for by an adequate corps of clergy. I have a hope, through a very generous offer, of being able to establish a missionary centre here. Such a county as this, with small and scattered villages, can only be cared for by a body of clergy living in a Central Mission House and itinerating. There is good promise of a new stone Church at Essex. In the evening, in the very pretty S. John's Chapel at Boquet, the Rev. Mr. Fairbanks and McIlwaine said Evening Prayer, and I preached. Mr. Hopkins was at the melodeon. The population here has fallen off from business decay.

July 29th. In the Public School House at Wadham's Mills, in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins and I said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed two persons and celebrated the Holy Communion. There were eight communicants. The place is exquisitely situated. There is good hope

of growth here. The drive to Elizabethtown was very lovely this afternoon. Indeed, the labor of this visitation was greatly lightened by the exquisite drives, made comfortable and pleasant by the kind courtesy of a devoted churchwoman of Pennsylvania, who took us in her carriage through the whole visitation. No scenery more lovely can be found. The double range of the mountains in Vermont, and in New York with the graceful variety of the Adirondacks, the glorious lake, the beautiful stretches of meadow land, make a beauty which attracts many artists and pleasure seekers. I was ashamed to be seen in Elizabethtown, the County Town where the Church has been a rare and casual visitor, instead of possessing the land as it might and ought to. I have not yet dared to go to Port Henry, where there is even a larger and more urgent field. At Elizabethtown, in the Congregational House of Worship, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins said Evening Prayer, and I baptized an infant and preached to a large and most intelligent congregation. The next morning at half-past six, I had an early celebration with twenty communicants. We climbed Mount Discovery, afterwards obtaining a view of marvelous beauty, and drove to Keeseville through the gorge of Poke-o-moon-shine mountain, standing like the everlasting hills with its bare face of rocks. Nothing could be grander than the scenery here. The drive, in all, was over seventy miles.

July 31st. Seventh Sunday after Trinity. In S. Paul's Church, Keeseville, the Rev. Mr. Cook, the Rector, and Mr. Hopkins said Morning Prayer,

and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. There were representatives at the service and at the communion, from Plattsburgh, Essex and Ausable Forks, Saranac Lake, Port Kent and Watson's Patent—the last four being included in Mr. Cook's large and laborious mission. The need of a Deacon here is more than ever patent. In the afternoon, in the Methodist House of Worship in Ausable Forks, the Rev. Mr. Cook, the Missionary, and Hopkins said Evening Prayer, and I baptized two adults, preached and confirmed eight persons and addressed them. The need is more than ever pressing, and I think the hope more promising, of a Church building here.

August 7th. Eighth Sunday after Trinity. In S. John's Church, Gloucester, Mass., I celebrated the Holy Communion in the morning, and at night I preached.

August 13th. I organized S. Agatha's Mission, Laurens.

August 14th. Ninth Sunday after Trinity. In the morning, in S. John's Church, Gloucester, I preached.

August 17th. I licensed Mr. James Van Voast Lay Reader at Johnstown, under the Rev. J. H. Brown.

August 21st. Tenth Sunday after Trinity. I celebrated the Holy Communion in the morning, and in the afternoon preached in S. John's Church, Gloucester.

August 24th. S. Bartholomew's Day. I cele-

rated the Holy Communion in S. John's, Glouces-
er.

August 25th. I approved of the incorporation of
hrist Church, West Burlington, Otsego County.
have to acknowledge most gratefully here a gift—
a recognition of very slight service rendered in
loucester—of one hundred dollars for the Diocesan
Mission from Mr. Theron Dale, the generous founder
nd supporter of the Church in Gloucester.

August 29th. I presided at the first meeting of
e Board of Trustees of the Orphan House of the
Holy Saviour in Cooperstown. This institution is
ncorporated now by an act passed at the last legis-
ature. It is eminently a Diocesan Institution, the
Bishop being always ex-officio President of the
Board. It will present the report here of its full
ear's doings, which will command your interest
nd attention, as I trust the orphanage itself will
ecure your labors, sympathy and support. I can
ouch for its reality and for the simple spirit of love
o the Dear Lord—which He himself has made the
est of fitness for the work—that animates its
ounders and its furtherers, every one. After the
eeting, a boat load of church people went up the
ovely lake to the selected site which we set apart,
a simple and very solemn out-door service, to the
acred and gracious work of caring for the destitute
hildren of God. It was an exquisite day with the
nrivalled added beauty, which the shores of this
ovely lake supply.

At night, in Christ Church, Cooperstown, the
Rev. Messrs. Brown, Fisher, Joel Davis, and the
Rev. Mr. Milburne of Vermont, said Evening

Prayer, and I preached and confirmed seven persons, one in private afterwards at the Hospital (eight), and addressed them. The whole life and work of this Parish is a model to the Diocese. The Rector's earnest devotion, supported by the indefatigable christian interest of Miss Cooper, is enlarging and developing the Church in most gracious works and ways. The Parish has suffered very sore losses. Mr. Alfred Clark, a most devoted layman, has died since my last visit, leaving an empty place which will not easily be filled; and, as I have said before, I sadly missed Mrs. Pomeroy, a very Lois in whom unfeigned faith dwelt. She was one of the few survivors of the illustrious name which must always honor Cooperstown, and her whole life was a simple devotion to the Church in all best ways.

August 30th. I consecrated S. John's Church, Portlandville. The instrument of donation was read by the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Stubbs, and the sentence of consecration by the Rev. D. H. Buel, President of the Convocation. Morning Prayer was said by the Reverends Joel Davis, J. H. H. Brown, and Engle of Indianapolis, and I preached, confirmed two persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Buel and Scofield, the Rev. Mr. Fisher being present. This is the crown and consummation of most faithful labors and most devoted sacrifices. The one cloud over the great joy was the absence of the Rector's wife, to whose faithful energy so much is due in the successful effort to pay off the debt.

August 31st. In S. Matthew's Church, Unadilla,

the Rev. Messrs. Lighthipe and Fisher said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed fifteen persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. S. R. Johnson and Messrs. Scofield, the Rector, and Robinson and Dolloway of Central New York. It is a great comfort to find the parish in its present state. The debt is paid, the beautiful parsonage secured, the rectorship filled, and admirably filled, and the old life has revived after the years of difficulty and depression which still shadowed it at my last visitation. The congregation was very large, and I rejoiced to find the excellent music still kept up with its hearty churchly simplicity and fervor.

September 1st. Thursday. In the Presbyterian House of Worship at Deposit, the Rev. Messrs. Lighthipe and Fisher said Morning Prayer, and I preached and confirmed five persons for Christ Church Deposit, and addressed them. In the evening, in the Baptist House of Worship at Hancock, the Rev. Messrs. Lighthipe and Fisher said Evening Prayer, and I preached and confirmed eight persons and addressed them. These visitations were difficult to accomplish, from their remoteness from my ordinary journeyings, but the difficulty was a thousand times overpaid. The work has been carried on here under great difficulties. Mr. Lighthipe's Mission includes Oneonta, and his services involve long and frequent journeys. He has been at these points only on alternate Sundays, and the result is most surprisingly gratifying, and is but the promise of still more to come. There will be church buildings at both these points very soon, and I hope we

shall receive the parish at Deposit into union with the Convention this year.

On Wednesday, September 7th, I opened S. Agnes' School, to be the diocesan, girls' school. I shall ask the Convention, by-and-by, to accept it as an institution of the Diocese. For the present, it is undertaken in faith, that we may make it a nursery for the daughters of the Church, where they shall become, by the carving of discipline, the smoothing of intellectual training and the polish of spiritual care, the polished corners in the Temple of our Dear Lord. Few things are more important, in my judgment, than the Christian nurture of women. In their every relation of life, they mould the world. And if, through them, we may make Christian households; if, out of them, we may make households of mercy, in which and from which, as in Simon's house, the very feet of Jesus, in the poor, the penitent and the patient sufferers of the world, may be washed and wiped and anointed; we shall best reproduce upon the earth the ministries of the Master's time, when the record of the associates of the Saviour reads: "The twelve were with Him, and certain women, Joanna, the wife of Chuza, and Susanna, and many others."

The story of the holy woman, whose name the school bears, is perhaps the best authenticated of the legendary saints. She is the fitting type of those to whom the providence of God gives the high and holy opportunity of serving Him; not in the great honor of the married estate, much less in the emptiness of unsanctified philanthropy, but in the consecration of a sister's life. The name was specially

chosen as the name of a holy maiden, whose emblem of meekness and purity, the girl's most precious ornaments, is the lamb, and whose legend, "pasce agnos meos," feed my lambs, is the motive that has led me to add this burden to my other cares, as the Master's special charge to the Episcopate.

The school is furnished thoroughly. The Christian women who have the work in charge are working for the work's sake, that they may minister unto the Lord. The tuition fees are very low, that church people may not be held excused for patronizing Roman Catholic Schools, or divorcing the soul and the mind in the education of their children. I am glad to say that its success, so far, has vindicated the need of its founding, and the ability of those who are at work. The full compliment of sixty pupils has been entered. It is the *agendum* of the Diocese now, to furnish the school with buildings which shall enlarge its capacity and increase its usefulness. I shall come to ask you for the funds with entire confidence; and, meanwhile, I may not fail to express my gratitude to the kind friends who enabled me to procure the furnishing of the house without incurring debt.

On Friday, September 9th, in Grace Church, Waterford, the Rev. Messrs. Applegate, of N. Y., Brown, Carey and Hall said Evening Prayer, and I baptized four adults and confirmed thirteen persons, one in private (fourteen). The beautiful service was doubly grateful from the presence of the Rector, returned to his work with health fully restored.

I must record, with great gratitude to Almighty

God, and with most cordial appreciation of the generous interest of the parishoners of S. Peter's Church, and others, that after six months of homelessness, with very great anxieties, I came, for the first time, into the Bishop's house on the 10th of September. I am bound to call attention to the dignified position which S. Peter's Church occupies in this Diocese. The purchase of the Bishop's house is due, first to the energy of two or three, and then, with the exception of seventeen hundred dollars, to the liberality of the people in this venerable Parish. Bearing in mind that a Mission is maintained by the Parish, in the city, at a cost of nearly two thousand dollars, that it supports an orphanage and contributes liberally to the general charities of the Church, you will agree with me that S. Peter's deserves all honor from the Diocese, as the largest giver to Diocesan Missions, the chief endower of the Episcopate, and the virtual purchaser of the Bishop's house.

On Monday, September 12th, in S. Paul's Church, Kinderhook, the Reverends Edward Hale and Jarvis said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed seven persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. It is a great pleasure to find a clergyman in charge here, and to see the fruits of even his brief labors. The music and the service were, as before, admirable in every way. In the evening, in the little private school-room at Malden Bridge, in Columbia county, I held the most interesting and impressive service in which I ever took part. The Mission was begun many years ago. A young girl, at school in Lansingburgh, coming under the instruction of good Dr. Irving, was bap-

tized and confirmed, and she came home to influence the family not only, but her neighborhood as well. And gathering in such neighbors as they could find, four sisters in turn aiding her, she has read the Church Service and trained the children Sunday after Sunday. The work has grown quietly and very gradually. A year ago, at the only Church service ever held there, twelve children were baptized; and on this occasion, in a little room crowded to its fullest capacity, the Rev. Mr. Hale, of Kinderhook, and I said Evening Prayer, and I baptized eighteen children and one adult, preached and confirmed two persons, one by-the-by, drawn to the Church by the work of S. Peter's Mission in this city. I could not but take the text of the Apostle: "My fellow-laborers unto the kingdom of God, who have been a comfort unto me." I shall never forget the scene. The parlor of the house held the children who could not find place in the room where the service was; and as the faithful women to whom the Mission owes its existence, passed them through the door, it seemed the fitting symbol of that open way into His kingdom who suffers the little children to come unto Him, because of such as they it is. The settlement is too small to hope for any parish here, or even of a mission; but I propose to cherish the good seed that is sown here, and shall ask the co-operation of the neighboring clergy.

On Tuesday, September 13th. I consecrated the Chapel of All Saints, on Academy Hill, in Hudson. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rector of Christ Church, in whose care it is; the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. Professor Seymour, to

whose fostering care so much is due. The Rev. Mr. Cookson and Messrs. Delafield, Hopson and F. Harison, of New York, said the Morning Prayer, and I preached and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Morgan and Mr. Van Winkle, of New York, and the Rev. Messrs. H. H. Prout, Jarvis, Danker, and W. C. Prout, the Deacon serving in the Parish. There is very much of special interest in the story of this beautiful Chapel, which made still more attractive the service, so rich in hearty music, reverent response and exquisite flowers. It was begun, continued and ended in faith, without the solicitation of reluctant gifts, or the subsidy of unworthy resorts. It has grown gradually on the patient determination, here again, of two or three Christian women being blessed of God by unexpected gifts and generous interest, till the whole result is satisfactorily attained. And, to crown all, the taste and tenderness of rare artistic skill has made the glass lovely memorials, consecrating the sorrows which the love of God lightens as the sunlight paints the pictures of faith and hope through the "windows' rich light." The Rev. Mr. Rowe was present.

In the afternoon, in Christ Church, Hudson, the Rev. Messrs. Cookson, Rowe, W. C. Prout and Delafield of New York, said Evening Prayer, and I confirmed sixteen persons (one in private), presented by the Rector, the Rev. C. F. Woodruff, and addressed them. This is a very large return for the Rector's short residence in the parish.

At night, in Trinity Church, Athens, the Rev. Messrs. Woodruff and Cookson said Evening

Prayer and I preached, confirmed ten persons (two in private), and addressed them. The Rev. Mr. Rowe was present.

Wednesday, September 14th. I consecrated the new Chancel of Christ Church, Coxsackie, which completes and greatly improves this very pretty Church. The request to consecrate was read by the Rector, the Rev. A. Danker; the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. C. F. Woodruff; Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Jarvis, Rowe and H. C. Randall, and I preached and confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion. The whole character of the music here, is changed from the sensational and florid, to a devout, hearty, earnest service. The change is largely due to the abolishment of that essential enemy to worship, the organ-loft, and the singers, near the Chancel, become worshippers, leading and not usurping the praise of the people.

In the evening, in S. John's Church, Stockport, the Rev. Messrs. Woodruff, Rowe and W. C. Prout said Evening Prayer and I preached, confirmed fourteen persons, presented by the Rector, the Rev. W. O. Jarvis, and addressed them.

On Thursday, September 15th, I consecrated S. Luke's Church, Cambridge. The Instrument of Donation was read by the Rector, the Rev. G. Graves, and the Sentence of Consecration by the Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Snively, Clover, D.D., and Davis. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Clarence Buel, to whose fearless faith and devoted energy the existence of the Parish and the building

of the Church are due. I confirmed seven persons (one in private), and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Hawley, of Connecticut, and the Rev. Messrs. Nicholls and George Walker. When I have said that Mr. Graves has fully fostered the spirit which began the work here, and carried it to completion by the same unfaltering faithfulness which marked its beginning, I have explained the successful establishment of the church in a village where it had every difficulty of small numbers, smaller means, and an outside opposition (smallest of all in spirit) to contend with.

In the evening, in the Methodist house of worship at Schaghticoke, the Rev. Messrs. Brown and W. B. Walker said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them. This is the second confirmation here within the year.

The Parish was dead two years ago. Thirty have been baptized, and twenty-three confirmed this year, and the work is done by a Priest having two other parishes in charge, both which are duly cared for. I trust such resurrections may spread; and that the laity will see to it that a suitable building is soon begun to keep pace with and secure the inner spiritual upbuilding of the parish. The Rev. Mr. Upjohn was present.

Friday, September 16th. In S. Luke's Church, Mechanicville, Morning Prayer having been previously said, I preached, confirmed seven persons (one from Schuylerville), and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Brown and Upjohn, and Messrs. W. B. Walker, the Rector, and George Walker. There is every evidence here of strength and growth.

In the evening, in Bethesda Church Saratoga, the Rev. Mr. Carey, and Rev. Mr. George Worthington of Michigan, said Evening Prayer, and I preached, confirmed twenty-five persons and addressed them. This too, is a second confirmation within the year, and apart from its token of energy in the administration of the parish, I was greatly struck by the tribute which such a result in such a place pays to the power of the steadfast continuance of the Church's work. The Saratoga season was hardly over; the very carnival of sin had held full sway; the world and its infernal ruler had controled the village; and after all this, and in spite of all this, the quiet, searching influences of frequent services and reverent Eucharists and faithful pastoral work, bore this great tribute to the penetrating power of the leaven of the Gospel, that can raise even such deadness into spirtual life.

Saturday, September 17th, in S. Mary's Church, Luzerne, the Rev. Dr. Camp and Mr. Webb the Missionary said Morning Prayer, I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

In the afternoon, in the School House, at Conkingville, the Rev. Messrs. Webb and Eastman said Evening Prayer and I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them; and afterwards laid the corner stone of what is to be the Chapel of S. John's Mission here. There is a striking prospect here of vigorous life. Founded by Mr. Eastman and faithfully worked by the present Missionary, the offshoot to-day is stronger than either of the parent stems, Northampton or Luzerne. The number of men in earnest here, is specially noticeable.

On Sunday, 18th, the 14th after Trinity, in the Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Eastman and I said Morning Prayer, and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon in the Methodist House of Worship in Gloversville, the Rev. Messrs. Eastman and J. Hutchings Brown, the Missionary, said Evening Prayer and I preached, confirmed four persons and addressed them. The congregation here, as it always is in Gloversville, was very large; indeed I visit no place where the population are such Church goers. And I felt as S. Paul, at Mars Hill, that I was among a people truly δειοι δζιμονστέρους, very reverent of God, to whom the Church I trust will one day teach her more excellent way, in which, with a true altar, they may worship a God more fully known.

Mr. Brown's work has told with great force here, and the people are bent upon a church building which they sorely need. I commend their effort most earnestly to the liberal interest of the churchmen of the diocese. It is by far the most important place unoccupied in the diocese — and the willing earnestness of the church people there demands and deserves generous encouragement.

On Monday, September 19, in S. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, the Rev. Messrs. Clemson, the Rector, and J. Hutchings Brown said Evening Prayer, and I baptized one infant, preached and confirmed two persons.

I find the church refreshed and restored, with a beautiful new font, which I set apart to its sacred

se; a new fence, and every outer token of better hings. The small number here confirmed, I am ound to say, is due to causes over which the Rector ad not control. His whole administration has been igorous and invaluable to the Parish.

On Wednesday, September 21st, Feast of Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist, and Ember Wednesday, at S. Paul's Church, Concord, N. H., I had the reat pleasure of uniting with the Bishops of Kenucky, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont and Quebec, in he laying on of hands for the consecration of the Rev. William Woodruff Niles, D.D., Bishop elect f New Hampshire, to the office of a Bishop in the Church of God. I preached the sermon, and I felt lad and strong in the conviction that there was dded, by this consecration, to the American Episopate, one to whom God had given, not the spirit f fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound nind; a man of God, qualified in every resource of nind and soul and body to invigorate the life of this ery difficult Diocese, and to discharge the solemn esponsibility of a ruler in the Church of God.

I have made one hundred and thirty-four visitaions, visiting more than once all the parishes in Troy, S. Peter's and S. Paul's, Albany, S. George's, Schenectady, and the parishes in Green Island, Amsterdam, Fonda, Johnstown, Gloversville, Little Falls, Ilion, Ogdensburgh, Malone, Coxsackie, Hudson, Delhi, Franklin, Saratoga, Schaghticoke, Cambridge and Cohoes (twenty-six); and leaving unvisted, from causes beyond my control, the parishes at Plattsburgh, Gouverneur, Lisbon, Massena, Norfolk, Waddington, Claverack, Clermont, Copake, Butter-

nuts, Exeter, Richfield, Richfield Springs, West Burlington, Westford, Burnt Hills, Stillwater, Middleburgh, Bolton and Whitehall, and the missions at Ticonderoga, Potsdam Junction, Barnhart's Island, Stottsville, Harrisena, Garrattsville and Schoharie (twenty-seven in all).

The results of the visitations, in statistical statement, are as follows:

Confirmed, nine hundred and ninety-four persons.

Sermons, one hundred and eighty-one.

Addresses, eighty-five.

Catechizings, twelve.

Celebration of the Holy Communion, ninety-six.

Corner-stones laid, four.

Churches consecrated, eight.

Baptized adults, thirty-four; infants, thirty-six. Total, seventy.

Instituted two rectors.

Solemnized three marriages.

Officiated at eight funerals.

Consented to the organization of one new parish.

Organized ten new missions.

Admitted and received as candidates for Holy Orders nine, of whom three have been ordained.

Number of candidates now, ten.

Licensed as lay readers, thirteen (in all twenty-two).

Consented to the consecration of three bishops.

Received notice of seven sentences of deposition.

Clerical Statistics.

Clergymen Ordained—* Priests four, † deacons nine; total thirteen.

Clergymen received from other dioceses, twenty-one.

Clergymen transferred to other dioceses, fourteen.

Clergymen died, one.

Clerical gain in the year, sixteen.

Clergymen belonging to the Diocese—Bishop, one, Priests, ninety, Deacons, ten; total one hundred and one.

Disabled for regular duty, four; absent, five; not at work, one.

Clergymen at work during the year not belonging to the diocese—The Venerable Arch-Deacon Patton, the Rev. E. L. Wells, the Rev. W. T. Boone, the Rev. Thos. Street and the Rev. Wm. Marvin Jones.

Number of parishes in union with the Convention, one hundred and four.

Number of churches not in union, eleven.

Parishes without church buildings, eleven.

Missions organized, ten.

Other mission stations, seventeen.

Missions and parishes, one hundred and forty-two.

Parsonages, fifty-two.

The number of Parishes vacant is six against sixteen last year, and of these, S. Polycarp's, Canajoharie, has only a paper existence.

The changes among our own clergy have been as follows:

The Rev. Henry Stanley has died.

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* One by Bishop of Pennsylvania. † One by Bishop of Florida.

The Rev. Dr. Bostwick has resigned Fort Edward, and continues to be Rector at Sandy Hill.

The Rev. Dr. Camp has resigned Christ Church Rouses Point, and become Rector of Bethesda Church, Saratoga.

The Rev. George Fisher has become Assistant Minister of S. Peter's Church, Albany.

The Rev. J. V. Hughes has become Rector of Immanuel Church, Otego.

The Rev. W. R. Johnson has resigned the Herkimer Co. Mission.

The Rev. L. H. Lighthipe has resigned Christ Church, Butternuts, and become Rector of Christ Church Deposit, and Missionary to Oneonta and Hancock.

The Rev. F. N. Luson has resigned Zion Church, Morris.

The Rev. Geo. L. Neide has resigned S. John's Church, Champlain, and become Rector of Christ Church, Duanesburgh. The Rev. E. Pidsley has resigned Calvary Church, Cairo.

The Rev. F. C. Wainwright has resigned Christ Church, Schenectady, and become Rector of Burnt Hills and Charlton.

The Rev. J. H. Babcock has resigned Schuylerville, and become Rector of Trinity Church, Gouverneur.

The Rev. T. M. Thorpe has resigned Waddington, and become associate priest in the Clinton County Mission.

The Rev. Wm. M. Ogden has resigned S. Paul's Church, Franklin, and

The Rev. Benjamin Webb has resigned the Her-

:imer County Mission, and become Missionary to ..uzerne and Conklingville.

The Rev. J. S. Clark has become Missionary at ?ottersville.

I have been present at the meetings of the Con-'ocations of Troy and Ogdensburg, and at one neeting of each of the other Convocations, and have ›resided at four meetings of the Board of Missions: n Troy, October 20, 1867; Saratoga, January 4, :870, and March; in Albany, April 1, 1870; in \lbany, July 6, 1870, and in Albany, September 27, 870.

I have been obliged to inhibit two clergymen rom officiating in the Diocese, notifying their 3ishops respectively.

Of the convictions garnered from my last year's :xperience, there are three or four which I especially lesire to bring home to the Christian conscience of he diocese. Any one glancing at our map will see ıow truly and thoroughly our work is missionary vork. There are, comparatively, very few self-ıupporting parishes; and beside the parishes that 'eceive missionary aid, there are a number of sta-ions organized only under our missionary canon. 3ut five of these stations or mission parishes 'acant. The number in all is eighty-six, and in hem are employed fifty missionaries. There is an ımount of work to be done beyond what is already ındertaken in Albany, Essex, Herkimer, Otsego, 5choharie, St. Lawrence and Hamilton counties, vhich fairly appals me as I think of it. We cannot, t seems to me, answer before God as stewards, ınless we address ourselves in planning, praying

and alms, giving to this work with all our might. Of the praying, I do not say much. I would to God we realized its power more, and gave ourselves, in private and in public, at the stated seasons of peculiar fitness like the Ember weeks, and at all seasons, to importune the Lord of the harvest that He would send grace, and strengthen and support the men to reap it for his storing. Of the planning I must say three things.

Our hope of practical and powerful work lies, I believe, in the foundation of associate missions. I have dwelt somewhat on this already, showing you the rationale and the result of the plan. We ought to have a center of this sort at Rensselaerville, for the Helderberg region; at Windham, for the Catskill work; at Essex, at Malone, at Potsdam, at Plattsburgh, at Ogdensburgh, at Northampton, for the waste region of the Adirondacks; at Fairfield, at Morris, at Middleburgh, at Warrensburgh.

We have wrought long enough to prune their inefficiency, at two theories: the first, that parochial organizations as the only phase of church life; and the second, that we need only send a solitary deacon or a single-handed priest, and leave him at the mercy of the people whom he serves.

The result has been wilfulness, incessant changes, the dreary isolation of the clergyman, and the feeble impression made by the Church in the community at large.

It ought to be borne in mind that the very idea of missions is that men are sent, not called; that they go, as Jesus came to earth, not to men who wanted Him, but to those whom He wanted, and longed for

and yearned over. And such men, so sent, must have about them and behind them the sense of support; the mutual encouragement of sympathy and counsel, the power that comes from the common prayer, and united labor of the two on these; and the consciousness that the Diocese, through the Bishop, and the Board of Missions, sustains them. As it is now, the only man to get for a little remote Parish, is a Deacon with his imperfect ministerial power and his utter inexperience of work. An Otsego County farmer, and an Otsego County churchman (which means a gocd farmer and a strong churchman), said to me, one day, "Our Parish is not good enough for so and so, we must be content to be a place for you to break your colts in." And we do break the colts in spirit and in energy, and often we break the mission itself beside. Give us a Priest of experience and administrative ability for these counties and let him work, through others under him, upon the circumference, and the issue will be very different. Instead of struggling in each little separate place to keep our heads just out of water, we should stand firmly and make a mark in the population.

Another thing is very plain to me in planning for our future, that we need to set the itinerant system at work. There are in almost every neighborhood a number of small villages, no one large enough to keep a Missionary at work. That there are souls to be reached and cared for in these hamlets, means that we ought to take care of them; and this can only be done by securing the services of an itinerant Missionary, who shall order lay services in the

points which he has charge of, and visit them himself in rotation, from time to time, for the administration of the Sacraments and the personal care of souls. There is no limit to the work for individual needs that might in this way be accomplished.

Parishes could be tested too, and new selections made for new centers by-and-by to be established. Meanwhile, beloved brethren, there needs in all of us the strong conviction that we may not live to ourselves. No clergyman is ordained to a Rectorship any more than a Bishop is ordained to a Diocese, and first of all our duties, is our relation to the Church of God. There must be on the one hand a surrender of that selfishness on the part of the laity which grudges to the uncared-for neighborhoods of a well-supplied parish the now and then services of its Rector, and there must be a widening of the clerical horizon till the Rector sees his way, not merely to tend and feed the folded sheep, but to seek also for those sheep of Christ that are scattered abroad through this miserable and naughty world. If the parochial ideas which is the summum bonum, and the solum bonum of modern ecclesiasticism, had held in the primitive churches as it holds to-day, one Parish in the city of Jerusalem would have occupied the Apostles, contained the churches, and left the world alone.

There is hardly a parish in the Diocese that might not reach out occasional service to an adjoining town. If there be those who welcome and will support it, it will grow soon enough into a mission demanding diocesan care.

These are matters to which Convocations ought,

legitimately, to attend. We have made a mistake, which we propose this year to rectify in the division of our Diocese in this way. I should prefer three to take the lines of the new diocese to be erected here; but there are temporary reasons why the four proposed divisions are the best, and I must beg that once ordered, they may be thoroughly worked.

I rejoice in the proposal of the Convocation of the Susquehanna to hold a three days mission at Cobleskill and other neglected points within their reach; and I have to record, with great satisfaction, the practical and material assistance given to our mission work by the Convocation of Ogdensburg. There is no fear of any clashing with diocesan authorities or diocesan claims. The parochial offerings for one general mission work will be made in each parish, and used by the Board. But beside these the powerful appeal of a near-at-hand and well-known need will supply additional means for its relief, and the proper convocational care would be the support of one or more itinerant missionaries, and the massing of missions into associate work.

The title of the President is a matter of unimportance, except that we had better take a churchly than a secular name, and the office of an Archdeacon seems to me more nearly to accord with the duties of such a Presbyter. The dean is more strictly an officer of the Cathedral, and we will get the Cathedral first before we have the dean; and the dean before we have a rural dean. As to the fear of multiplying offices or introducing unscriptural names, I confess it seems to me that a church which has created the offices and the nomenclature of wardens,

vestrymen, standing committees, etc., need not be afraid of adding a churchly office and a churchly title to its list.

But this brings me to the fair consideration of our Missionary condition, which is good in one way and very bad in another Leaving out of sight, if we can, what we neglect even to attempt to do, our Missions are well located and well manned. But how are they supported? Most discreditably! The stipends are shamefully small. And there is, every quarter, an effort to secure the money to pay them, which dishonors the ability and piety of the Diocese.

It is undoubtedly true, that the aim and effort of our Mission stations ought to be to strengthen into self-support; not for the pride of a parochial organization, but that they may relieve the Diocese of their charge and so enable us to foster other weaker places than themselves. A station that lies for years and years with increased ability, and yet remains an indolent incubus upon the Board, might well be taught a lesson by the withdrawal of its stipend. But cases like this are few and far between. There is more neglect by far upon the other side.

To-day there is not one-third the money in the Treasury due to-morrow to the Missionaries. I sincerely trust that this convention will not adjourn without taking some action on this subject which shall not merely come up to the letter of the requirement, but reach the conscience of the clergy and people.

I believe myself that the two crying evils in the way of a Missionary strength, are parochial selfish-

ness and the failure to adopt the scriptural system and standard for the support of the Church.

Of congregationalism and collections, I desire to speak plainly, and in their order.

It has come to pass in our day, that we have inverted the order of existence of ecclesiastical things. That certain lay people aggregate themselves into a Parish and call a clergyman, and that certain clergymen and Parishes aggregate themselves into a Diocese and elect a Bishop, is considered the sum of the whole story, and its correct statement. But it so happens, that neither Priest nor Bishop are created so; that the Church does not begin at this end; that the power does not originate in the people; and that there are no people till there are Clergy first. Almighty God is consistent with Himself in all acts of creation; and as at the first, He made the full grown man, the matured animal, the perfect tree, the sources of all created things from which the animal and vegetable world were to be reproduced; so Christianity was planted and the Church established, in the Apostolic ministry by whose preaching and administration of the Sacraments the Body was to grow through the addition to it of baptised members; and this fact fixed the normal condition of the Church. It means of course, not that the laity have not their rights and powers; not that Dioceses and Parishes have no recognized relations to the Church, but that these latter are accidents and conveniences; not of the essence, and not to be made inconveniences. Of course, to every Bishop the Diocese, and to every Priest the Parish, is the closest and nearest repre-

sentation of the Church, and there is great danger that each of us should (may?) so confine his sphere as to leave out what lies beyond. I am frank to own the feeling in connection with the general Institutions of the Church. When the loud cry for Foreign Missions, and the louder call for Domestic Missions comes to us, no eye, and ear and heart are so full of the waste places of our own Diocese, and the needs of our own Missionaries, that the first tendency is to let the nearer drown the further call.

But when I yieid to this, I want you, brethren, to rise up and rebuke me as doing dishonor to my office and discredit to you. The Gospel of God came not out from us, and, therefore, cannot limit the reaches to which its irrepressible expansions shall extend, nor came it unto us only, as though we had prior prerogative in its possession. But ours is the privilege of stewards, not to enjoy, not to retain, but to give it to others, and so become partakers of the great blessedness of givers. I feel the freer, therefore, to speak especially to you, beloved brethren of the clergy, of this same danger in the pressure of your parochial possibilities and responsibilities. I am sure I thank God for the energy and interest which originate and develop parochial missions. There can be no wiser or better expenditure of strength and means. The outlying portions of our large cities, where vice and poverty especially congregate, are as real Missionary ground as the wilds of Africa or the farthest Islands of the sea. But I cannot think, and you cannot think that the planting and supporting of these, ends your missionary duty, or exhausts your missionary ability;

and I am bound to press here to you, and to the lay people of your parishes, the fact that in your relation to the Bishop and the Diocese you are responsible, first: For furnishing to the Board of Missions, whom you elect, the sinews of our holy war. I can conceive of no more honest debt, of no more stringent duty, of no more honorable obligation. There is no escape but by removal from the Diocese for the clergyman, and for the laity no escape at all, from the first and absolute duty of aiding, according to ability, in the discharge of the debt which, through your chosen representatives, you contract to the Missions and the Missionaries of the Board. No claims of local interest or personal preferences or private feeling can come in. The Convention of this Diocese must be able to command the means to support the men whom it calls into the field, and I am free and fearless to say that the failure to recognize this claim on the part of the priest or parish is the refusal to pay an honest debt, to discharge a conscientious obligation. It is the protest by signer and endorser of a note.

If one parish can do this, all can, and the Diocese is thereby dissolved, its interests and institutions forfeited, and congregationalism in its worst, because its unavowed form, let loose upon the Church.

It is a thing that will react. No clergyman can bind up with the ligature of his own prejudices and feelings the arterial circulation of general charity in his parish, in the direction of missions Diocesan, Domestic or Foreign, without finding that the flow of giving to his own parochial and pastoral needs grows sluggish and finally dries away. Upon the

principle that misery loves company, I am glad to find myself not alone in this difficulty, and I cordially endorse the wise words of the Bishops of Wisconsin and Illinois, in reference to this matter: "I recommend the adoption of the principle, that it is the duty of every individual to contribute according to his means to the common work of the Diocese. As to the carrying out of this principle, I find the chief difficulty in the strong parochial and the feeble Diocesan feeling in most of our congregations. To a certain extent only natural, the parochial feeling is often very needlessly exaggerated, and until the Diocese and its agents, from the Bishop down, seem to be watched and thought of as poachers and invaders. But parochial selfishness, like any other, brings its own retribution. No parish suffers when its people's sympathies are widened, and they are made to feel themselves members of a body of which their own incorporation is only a member. Having never known, as a parish minister, the need of being sensitive on account of Diocesan claims upon my people, I do not appreciate that sensitiveness in others as I might have done. I shall never be indifferent to it, though I may sometimes wound it. It is not my duty to preside over a number of congregational parishes; God's providence has set me here to build up the Diocese on the solid foundations which our dear old Bishop laid; and God helping me, as far as lies in me, I will do it. I shall urge you, brethren, to make the Diocesan bond stronger, and to feel one another by its means all over this broad State. We can no more undervalue Diocesan organization as including

all others, than we would deprive our counties and towns of the mutual relations of the State government." (Bishop Armitage, Address to the Convention of Wisconsin, A. D. 1870.)

"The missionary work in the Diocese has gone on with a fair share of success, and with the same chronic drawback of infirmity and neglect, to cripple and impede. The Board, with our Rural Deans as members, seems to me to be as well constituted for efficient results as we ought to desire. The impediments are not to be removed by any change in that direction. We require uniform exertion and conscientious obedience in the clergy and laity to the various canonical obligations. If the parishes were as ready to obey rule, during the year, as we are to tinker machinery at Convention, the growth and love of the Church would be advanced. One year's honest, unflinching effort, by making collections soberly, as a normal part of parochial fellowship, would do more to develop confidence, and cheer it with felt ability, than any legislative or spasmodic action. No clergyman in charge of a parish or missionary station should look beyond himself to fault or complain, if under any plea whatever he failed to demand heartily and bravely at the appointed seasons the collections which the Canons prescribe. If he does thus temporize and neglect, he may credit many a dishonorable failure, which sends a pang to his own heart, to the lax morality in his Master's cause in which he indulges himself and his people.

"If our parishes (as a majority, to all intents, must be) are trained no higher than to regard diocesan claims as an imposition, and the assessments made

before God in representative council as taxation to be shirked, or injustice to be denounced; then that same undisciplined conscience will regard salary as wages of which they may defraud the hireling without discredit, and the compact with their minister as a thing of formal and self-willed convenience. Let us not be afraid to use plain English. Will a man rob God?" (Bishop Whitehouse, Address to the Convention of Illinois, A. D. 1870.)

The other difficulty to which I have alluded, is the esteem in which the offertory of the Church is held. We have undertaken to introduce into the question of the pecuniary support of the Church, motives and measures which degrade it. For motives, we have taught the people the *quid pro quo* principle; a pew for its rent—the more money the higher seat; entertainment by way of concerts, and gain in the choice of a lottery from tickets bought or entrance fees; a high place on subscription lists, in proportion to the amount given; an office and prominence and control in parochial and diocesan offices, according to the sum laid out. And for measures, we have lowered ourselves to pews, subscriptions, lotteries, concerts, fairs—one knows not what.

Here, at the source, the spring is poisoned, and at the source it must be healed, and the cross which means self-consecration through self-sacrifice is the only tree that can make sweet the waters. Legislation will not produce love, and canons will not quicken the conscience; and we want not only the missionary spirit, but the Scriptural and churchly system to cure the disease. To attain this, I beseech

you, my beloved, to use all means in your power to dignify and elevate the offertory. Let the people understand that there is a Bible rule about the question which the Church adopts and translates into rubrical language. Teach them that these good works of giving are the life force which makes the faith life, being, as S. James teaches, the spirit or vital power of the body, which the faith is. Remind them of the only standard which the Lord acknowledges, namely, that each one give according to his several ability, as God hath prospered him; and so gather in and glorify the small gifts of the poor, while you multiply and increase the large gifts of the rich. Recall to them the only system which the Lord approves: "On the first day of the week let every one lay by him in store," and so restore the weekly offertory and make easy the accumulation of large amounts by small sums evenly distributed and frequently given. And let them understand that the old rule rules still; let no man appear before the Lord empty; that the easy utterance of requests for themselves is not worship, but that no memorial of any man is accepted before God, unless, like the offerings of Cornelius, alms and prayers go up together. Alms-giving, that is to say, is an essential part of worship; and without its wings prayer will not rise; nor does it count with God as given to Him, if it be not sanctified with the word of God, and the prayer of the oblation. Nothing can be plainer than the Church's rule of a Eucharist, into which, of course, enters the oblation of alms, on every day for which a Collect Epistle and Gospel are provided. The permission not to have it is the excep-

tion to the rule. Even without the Eucharist there is warrant for the offertory, though it is an imperfect offering so, and the day of the Church's freedom shall be and the day of the Church's power when her children offer their free will offerings with the Holy Worship of the frequent Eucharist, as the Holy Scriptures teach, and as the Church appoints.

I cannot but feel that the Prayer-Book needs obedience at our hands in these and other like matters of direction, far more than it needs revision; and perhaps in this very matter, first of all.

I have spoken of the duty on the part of the clergy to dignify the offertory, and I beg to enforce the words. The rubric orders the alms to be "reverently brought to the Priest," and by him to be "humbly presented and placed upon the Holy Table." This certainly is not complied with when the hurried collecting of moneys is followed up by a shamefaced and hasty handing of the plates to a clergyman, who tosses them upon the Holy Table, or shelves on the chancel-steps. Dignity and decency in the gathering of the alms, a deliberate and respectful placing of them in the hands of the priest, and his own representative offering of them upon the altar, will tend to make men realize that part of worship which the giving of their substance is. I should be glad if the word and thought of collection could be banished from our minds. The offertory is not the financial expedient of shrewd monetary managing. It is not the question of a service paid for on the spot. It is the dignified recognition of the fact that men are permitted to give of their substance to Him who gave Himself for them. And the passing

of the plates at a service is as the searching summons of the Householder, "How much owest thou unto thy Lord?" The weekly offertory is simply the liturgical and rubrical rendering of the Apostle's words, "On the first day of the week let every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." And when the clergy do not offer this opportunity, I commend its private practice to the laity. And I cordially advise, as a recognition of the honorableness of almsgiving, the growing habit of the congregations rising and standing during this oblation, that so the laity may assist and act out their priesthood; and the use, as an anthem, sung by the priest and people during his humble presentation, of the old words of offering, which God Himself approved when David blessed the Lord before all the congregation, saying,

"Blessed be Thou O Lord God for ever and ever. Thine O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the Kingdom O Lord, and thou art exalted as Head above all. Both riches and honour come of Thee. Thou reignest over all." In connection with this whole subject of dignifying the service, I am glad to note that throughout the Diocese more care is taken to see that vessels used upon the altar are more seemly and less unsuited to the sacred use. The first expense in any parish, when it is needed, ought to be for the provision of a proper chalice and paten. And the clergy are in the highest degree responsible for insisting that the bread should be of fine wheat flour, the wine the purest grape juice that

can be found; and that no subterfuges be resorted to, to escape the binding obligations of the rubric at the end of the office, which requires the consecrated bread and wine to be reverently eaten and drunk immediately after the blessing.

Our theological education funds are matters of the greatest importance to us. I believe that the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning of the State of New York, has the strongest claim upon us, and is the most useful channel to receive our gifts, and to dispense our benefactions. It has made very generous contributions to our large, and I hope increasing needs. But I cannot ask this, and you cannot expect it, unless you fill up its treasury. The Society labors under the disadvantage of an endowment. It is considered wealthy and beyond the need of offerings. But the fact is, that its resources are exhausted long before the applications for aid are met. I am ashamed that Albany should have received so much, and given so little. And I trust that when the opportunity occurs for our offerings, a sum may be given which shall testify our generous appreciation of the interest of the Society, and accord with the demands we make on its fund.

I say this, not depreciating the Society for the increase of the ministry. But the old Society is good enough in its machinery; trusty enough in its officers, and generous enough in its administration, to command our confidence, while its location in the State and its restriction to New York candidates of its benefactions make our support of it in the State of New York, a question in which duty and self-interest combine.

If you go beyond this, and I beg and entreat that you will go beyond it, I ask you to bear in mind those noble Institutions at the West, Nashotah and Faribault. The former especially has been the great increaser of the ministry in America for years, supplying to a great degree our Western need, furnishing, not a subsidy in money, but the whole support, tuition, board, fuel and lights for fifty young men and welcoming them to her halls, while she has nothing for the morrow, with a faith which has vindicated its sincerity by the success with which God has blessed it.

I desire specially to commend to you all, the interests of our Bible and Prayer Book Society, which, for economy's sake, has ventured this year upon the publication of its own edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Twelve hundred and eighty-seven of these books and eleven hundred of the Nelson edition have been distributed, gratuitously, through the Diocese this year, besides one hundred and nineteen Bibles and several mission services; in all over twenty-five hundred books. The edition itself is excellent. It contains what could only be obtained before by the purchase of a pointed Psalter and two or three hymn books. The pointing of the Canticles and Psalms will tend more and more, I hope, to secure, first, that psalms, things to be sung, shall cease to be misused by being read; and, secondly, that they shall be sung, as they ought to be, by all the people. The added hyms, of course, form no part of the Prayer Book, as no hyms do. For, strained by the most liberal construction, the Prayer Book itself does not reach beyond the office of Insti-

tution. I commend the book to your use and circulation, and the Society to your support.

The most important matters before you are the reports of the Committees on Constitution and Canons, and on the suggestion which I made to you last year, that the time must come when a diocese as large as ours could support, and must require, the care of more than one Episcopal Head. My own signature, appended to the former, will indicate my approbation of the report; and of the latter, it will be needless for me to say, that I shall be ready to act with you in any division of the Diocese called for by the parishes to be set off, and well considered and matured; the time for the division, and the lines which shall divide us, being matters for mutual decision. If need be, I shall have occasion to express my views on all these points in the course of your deliberations. I withhold any further statement of them now, because I regard these questions as in the hands of the Convention, to which, through our committees, we have referred them.

I am thankful to feel, that amid the stirring questions of our times, there is among us, not the deadness that ignores their existence, nor the cowardice that shrinks from their consideration, nor the instability that is carried by the current into one or the other of two extremes. We are not concerned, I think, to meddle with questions that belong properly to bodies which represent more adequately the Church. But when the time shall come for this Diocese to speak upon the most important questions of the times, I feel that the voice can be trusted to speak "the words of truth and soberness;" neither

mistaking the recent roads of modern antiquity for "the old paths;" nor straying from the pleasant ways of the Church's immemorial usages and faith; not bartering the precious word-caskets of liturgical terms, which have been preserved intact the jewels of Scriptural truth, for the empty bauble of halting, equivocal or alternate phrases; not refusing the growth, in reverence and the beauty of holiness, of a deeper and devouter hold upon the great Catholic verities; not tolerating the childishness which courts unenviable notoriety by the adoption and exaggeration of terms and practices of foreign origin and uncertain meaning; but standing fast; first, in the liberty with which Christ hath made us free; and standing fast also against all reactionary or revolutionary currents, which tend to leave us high and dry upon the mud-banks of a false conservatism, or to hurry us into the eddies of the excited and exaggerated adoption of untried and unauthorized schemes of change.

Our strength lies only, beloved, in the quietness and confidence of men who know in whom they have believed, and are content, in all our worry and in all our work, to rest and refer ourselves in and to Him, whose we are and whom we serve. This holy day of the angels brings its own peculiar lessons of strength. The wrath of the devil is great because he hath but a short time. Let us with ceaseless vigilance and untiring service resist the wrath and bide the time, and his perpetual characteristic is to be the accuser of the brethren. Let us circumcise our lips that they be not like to his, and loving not our lives unto the death, God will give us grace to overcome by the Blood of the Lamb.

Additional Detail of Episcopal Acts.

Ordinations to the Order of Priesthood.

Dec. 18th. Advent Ember Sunday. The Rev. Joseph Richey, Deacon, in S. John's, Delhi.

March 13th. Lenten Ember Sunday. The Rev. Edward T. Bartlett, Deacon, in S. Peter's, Albany.

June 12th. Trinity Sunday. The Rev. George Fisher, Deacon, in S. Peter's, Albany.

June 12th. Trinity Sunday. The Rev. Robert S. Locke, Deacon, in S. Peter's, Albany.

Ordination to the Order of Deacon.

March 13th. Lenten Ember Sunday. Mr. C. William Camp, in S. Peter's, Albány.

March 27th. Mr. William Skene, by the Bishop of Florida, acting for me.

June 12th. Trinity Sunday. Mr. James Earl Hall, Mr. George Dent Silliman, Mr. Wm. Curtis Prout, Mr. Howard Taylor Widdemer, Mr. Joshua N. T. Goss, Mr. Peter Q. Wilson, Mr. E. Gregory Prout, for the Bishop of North Carolina, in S. Peter's Albany.

Clergymen Received into the Diocese..

A. D., 1869.

Nov. 3. The Rev. Jas. H. Tyng, from the Diocese of New York.

Nov. 5. The Rev. H. C. Randall, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

Nov. 13. The Rev. Wm. Stone Hayward, from the Diocese of Pittsburg.

Nov. 13. The Rev. Henry H. Oberly, from the Diocese of New York.

Dec. 4. The Rev. Edward T. Bartlett, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Dec. 6. The Rev. Thomas G. Clemson, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

Dec. 7. The Rev. J. J. Harrison, from the Diocese of Delaware.

Dec. 21. The Rev. Geo. C. Pennell, from the Diocese of Western New York.

A. D., 1870.

Jan. 20. The Rev. Gemont Graves, from the Diocese of Vermont.

March 7. The Rev. Fenwick M. Cookson, from the Diocese of Massachusetts.

May 5. The Rev. William A. Snively, from the Diocese of Ohio.

May 6. The Rev. Joshua A. Peirce, from the Diocese of Massachusetts.

May 9. The Rev. J. Hutchings Brown, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

May 14. The Rev. Francis H. Stubbs, Deacon, from the Diocese of New Jersey.

May 16. The Rev. William H. Harison, from the Diocese of Georgia.

June 2. The Rev. Wm. Townsend Early, from the Diocese of Montreal.

June 25. The Rev. E. Gregory Prout, Deacon, from the Diocese of North Carolina.

July 5. The Rev. Curtiss T. Woodruff, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

July 8. The Rev. George Walker, from the Diocese of Connecticut.

July 14. The Rev. Reeve Hobbie, from the Diocese of Long Island.

Sept. 20. The Rev. Edward Hale, from the Diocese of Indiana.

Clergymen Transferred from the Diocese.

A. D., 1869.

Oct. 1. The Rev. Porter Thomas, to the Diocese of Connecticut.

Nov. 4. The Rev. John Irving Forbes, to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Nov. 30. The Rev. N. S. Rulison, to the Diocese of New Jersey.

Dec. 4. The Rev. E. E. Butler, to the Diocese of Long Island.

A. D., 1870.

Feb. 5. The Rev. E. Weil, to the Diocese of Delaware.

March 9. The Rev. R. T. Howard, to the Diocese of New York.

April 7. The Rev. Wm. Skene, to the Diocese of Florida.

May 14. The Rev. J. J. Harrison, to the Diocese of Connecticut.

May 18. The Rev. J. F. Winkley, to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

June 4. The Rev. E. Dolloway, to the Diocese of Central New York.

July 2. The Rev. George D. Silliman, Deacon, to the Diocese of New York.

July 24. The Rev. J. Downie, to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

August 4. The Rev. Robert S. Locke, to the Diocese of New York.

September 10. The Rev. J. Byron Murray, to the Diocese of New York.

Candidates for Holy Orders.

A. D., 1869.

June 8. Mr. James Van Voast, B. A., for Deacon's Order.

July 28. Mr. Thomas Cole, B. A., for Deacon's Order.

August 17. Mr. Nelson Riley Boss, B. A., for Deacon's Order.

August 18. Mr. John H. Houghton, B. A., for Deacon's Order.

A. D., 1870.

June 11. Mr. David White, for Deacon's Order.

June 11. Mr. Wm. Henry Beardslee, for Deacon's Order.

September 24. Mr. John Henry Fitzgerald, for Deacon's Order.

September 24. Mr. J. Sydney Kent, for Deacon's Order.

September 24. Mr. Thaddeus A. Snively, B. A., for Deacon's Order.

September 30. Mr. Henry C. Hutchings, for Deacon's Order.

Licensed to the Office of Lay Reader.

Mr. H. K. Gardner, Sharon Springs, under the Rev. Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. D. H. Woodbury, Richfield, under the Rev. Mr. Peirce.

Mr. W. N. Chadwick, Cohoes, under the Rev. Mr. Brown.

Mr. John H. Houghton, Cambridge, under the Rev. Mr. Graves.

Mr. E. S. Houghton, Cambridge, under the Rev. Mr. Graves.

Mr. Geo. A. Somers, Portlandville, under the Rev. Mr. Stubbs.

Mr. John Henry Fitzgerald, Butternuts, under the Rev. Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Burnett, Ticonderoga, under the the Rev. F. H. Stubbs.

Licensed this Year.

Mr. T. A. Tillinghast, Troy, under the Rev. Mr. Walsh.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Malone, under the Rev. Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Frank J. Lawrence, Schaghticoke, under the Rev. W. B. Walker.

Mr. Rundle, Greenville, under the Rev. H. C. Randall

Mr. Nicholas Clute, Coxsackie, under the Rev. A. Danker.

Mr. A. C. Moses, Deposit, under the Rev. Mr. Lighthipe.

Mr. Arthur A. Camp, Saratoga, under the Rev. Dr. Camp.

Mr. Frederick T. Camp, Saratoga, under the Rev. Dr. Camp.

Mr. Henry Griffing, Warrensburgh, under the Rev. H. H. Oberly.

Mr. Whitney Otto Allen, Westford, under the Rev. A. H. Stubbs.

Mr. Daniel Nash Allen, Westford, under the Rev. A. H. Stubbs.

Mr. Theodore Snyder, Westford, under the Rev. A. H. Stubbs.

Mr. Charles Bragdon, Canton, under the Rev. J. F. Potter.

Missions Organized.

New Lebanon Mission, New Lebanon, Columbia county. John Fields, Warden, S. W. Gillett, Treasurer, J. W. Gormley, Clerk.

Morley Mission, Morley, St. Lawrence county. — Ezra Parmelee, M. D., Warden, Thos. L. Harison, Treasurer, Isaac Hewson, Clerk.

S. Mark's Mission, Garrattsville, Otsego county.—Ellis Gross, Warden, A. B. Chase, Treasurer, Isaac Gladhill, Clerk.

S. Agnes Mission, Schenevus, Otsego county.—M. T. Parsons, Warden, Dr. O. B. Ball, Treasurer, P. W. Brown, Clerk.

S. Philip's Mission, Madrid, St. Lawrence county.—Richard Oates, Warden, O. S. Hulburt, Treasurer, J. C. George, Clerk.

Hogansburg Mission, Hogansburg, St. Lawrence county. Alfred Fulton, Warden, Gurdon S. Mills, Treasurer, A. D. Knight, Clerk.

Chateaugay Mission, Chateaugay, St. Lawrence county. Thomas Peak, Warden, R. Swinburne, Treasurer, J. McCoy, Clerk.

St. James Mission, Oneonta, Otsego county.—John Cope, Warden, Dr. Meigs Chase, Treasurer, James Cope, Clerk.

Grace Mission, Hancock, Delaware county.—Andrew Taylor, Warden, Dwight R. Benedict, Treasurer, D. R. Benedict, Clerk.

S. Agatha Mission, Laurens, Otsego county. — Delos ean, Warden, W. H. Peck, Treasurer, Le Roy Tucker, lerk.

Corner Stones Laid.

A. D., 1870.

October 19th. Church of the Ascension, Troy.
April 29th. Christ Church, Coxsackie.
July 25th. S. John's Church, Ogdensburgh.
September 17th. S. John's Church, Conklingville.

Churches Consecrated.

A. D., 1869.

October 27th. Emmanuel Church, Little Falls.
October 28th. Trinity Church, Fairfield.
November 4th. Zion Church, Morris.

A. D., 1870.

February 24th. S. Stephen's Church, Schuylerville.
August 30th. S. John's Church, Portlandville.
September 13th. The Chapel of All Saints, Hudson.
September 14th. Christ Church, Coxsackie.
September 15th. S. Luke's Church, Cambridge.

Consent to the Organization of New Parishes.

Christ Church, West Burlington, Otsego county.

Consent to the Consecration of Bishops.

The Rev. Henry Niles Peirce, D. D., Missionary Bishop ect of the Southwest.

The Rev. Wm. Woodruff Niles, D. D., Bishop elect of ew Hampshire.

The Rev. Wm. Pinckney, D. D., Assistant Bishop elect Maryland.

Institutions.

The Rev. Joseph Richey, into the Rectorship of S. John's, elhi.

The Rev. William A. Snively, into the Rectorship of St. Peter's, Albany.

Notices of Deposition from the Ministry Received.

Feb. 12, Charles H. Rea, by the Bishop of Nebraska.
May 9, John Cosby, by the Bishop of Virginia.
May 12, A. McElroy Wylie, by the Bishop of Long Island.
May 14, E. B. Allen, by the Bishop of Massachusetts.
July 16, W. D. Harlow, by the Bishop of Long Island.
July 24, H. Bourne, by the Bishop of New York.
July 24, J. Cromlisb, by the Bishop of New York.

Parochial Reports for Conventional Year beginning Oct. 1, 1869.

Trinity Church, West Troy, Albany County.

The Rev. John Townsend, Rector.

James Roy, George B. Fraser, Church Wardens.

Peter V. Hagner, John F. Roy, John J. Winne, William Hollands, William B. Williams, William Dickson, P. J. Rorabeck, John H. Hulsapple, Vestrymen.

Families, 127; comprising 475 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 33. Total, 35.

Confirmed, 12.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 19; private, 3. Total, 22.

Communicants: Admitted, 13; received from other parishes, 10; removed, 17; died, 4; present number, 148.

Marriages, 7; burials, 23.

Divine Service: Sundays, 96; holy days, 8; Lent, 52; other days, 46. Total, 202.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, monthly; number of children taught, about 140.

Parish and Mission Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 29; number of pupils, about 200.

Parish school: Paid, 1; number of teachers, 4; pupils, boys and girls, about 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, good.

Rectory and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good.

Other property, $2,000; in good condition.

Number of sittings in the church, 400, mostly rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500, and use of rectory.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$3,100 00
For the poor	30 00
Parish and mission Sunday-school purposes	242 00
Total	$3,372 75

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$30 00
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	450 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	20 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy, Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	32 00
Total	$563 25

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee ($32.75 from Christian Soldiers' Army in Sunday-school)	$107 75
H. Mission to C. People	15 00
Society for Increase of the Ministry ($20 from Sunday-school)	32 50
Total	$155 25

Miscellaneous.

Hinman's Indian Mission	$10 00
S. Luke's, Cambridge	15 00
Church in Mississippi	5 00
Cabinet organ, chancel chairs, etc.	179 00
From Sunday-school:	
Rent of mission chapel	30 00
Fairbault Mission	20 00

Nashotah Mission	$20 00
Midnight Mission	5 00
Total	$284 00
Gross amount	$4,375 25

Remarks.

A mission Sunday-school was started at Easter, under the auspices of the parish, in the southern part of the town, where religious privileges are but poorly supplied. The expenses for this are mainly provided for by the offerings made in the school, and also in the parish Sunday-school. A night school has also been begun to provide instruction for the factory children belonging to the parish. This undertaking already gives good promise of success, as well as the former one.

S. John's Church, Cohoes, Albany County.

The Rev. J. H. Hobart Brown, Rector.

Wm. N. Chadwick, Guy Blakely, Church Wardens.

Murray Hubbard, Wm. E. Thorn, George Campbell, Elijah T. Dixon, John McMullan, Joseph Chadwick, William S. Smith, George Jackson, Vestrymen.

Families, 260, comprising about 1,300 individuals. Total baptized persons, about 1,200.

Baptisms: Adults, 21; infants, 52. Total, 73.

Confirmed, 50.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 44; private, 16. Total, 60.

Communicants: Admitted, 71; received from other parishes, 49; removed, 20; died, 9; present number, 310.

Marriages, 9; burials, 21.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 22; Lent, 80; other days, 90. Total. 296.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, about 25; number of children taught, about 350.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 36; number of pupils, about 350.

Parish Property.

New church and lot, estimated worth, $35,000; condition, in building.

New parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, in building.

Number of sittings in the new church, about 900; free.

Estimated indebtedness of parish, about $10,000.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,250.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,650 00
For the poor, about	100 00
Sunday-school purposes	120 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	2,800 00
Total	$4,650 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$25 00
Endowment of Episcopate	*56 00
Salary of the Bishop	12 50
Missionary Fund	140 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	20 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	10 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	5 00
Theological education at Annandale	20 00
Total	$288 50

* Interest on parish bond.

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$5 00
Foreign Committee	5 00
H. Mission to C. People	13 00
Total	$23 00
Miscellaneous	$60 00
Gross amount	$5,021 50

Remarks.

April 4, 1870, ground was broken by the Bishop for the new buildings. June 9, the corner stone of the new church was laid. The walls of the church, chapel and rectory are now nearly complete, and are receiving their roofs. God helping us, we hope to finish the work, now in progress, before next Whitsunday.

Grace Church, Albany, Albany County.

The Rev. Edwin B. Russell, Rector.

Henry J. Wells, George W. Gibbons, Church Wardens.

Charles W. White, Edgar Payn, John Jones, David B. Tunnicliff, John Burns, Charles Twitchell, John Sewall, Henry Burns, Vestrymen.

Families, —; individuals, 400.

Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 13. Total, 20.

Confirmed, 17.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 24; private, 11. Total, 35.

Communicants: Admitted, 12; removed, 2; died, 7; present number, 153.

Marriages, 12; burials, 18.

Divine Service: Sundays, 52; holy days, 5; Lent, 40; other days, 10. Total, 107.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 8.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 20; number of pupils, 125.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, unincumbered.

Number of sittings in the church, —; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses through the offertory (including salaries, etc.)	$1,367 72
Sunday-school purposes	40 00
Parish institutions, and other sources	530 64
Total	$1,938 36

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$8 00
Salary of the Bishop	10 00
Missionary Fund	14 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	5 00
Total	$37 00
Gross amount	$1,975 36

Remarks.

The church edifice has been greatly beautified by a new set of stained windows throughout the nave. The parish has never been in a more encouraging state.

S. Paul's Church, Albany, Albany County.

The Rev. J. Livingston Reese, Rector.

The Rev. Howard T. Widdemer, Assistant Minister.

C. W. Bender, John H. Van Antwerp, Church Wardens.

James H. Osborn, W. Lacy, John Woodward, Jr., Thos. Squires, W. W. Hill, Harvey A. Dwight, Amos P. Palmer, Vestrymen.

Families, 330.

Baptisms: Adults, 18; infants, 40. Total, 58.

Confirmed, 47.

Communicants: Admitted, 44; received from other parishes, 18; removed, 15; died, 8; present number, 360.

Marriages, 14; burials, 19.

Sunday-schools: Number of teachers, 85; number of pupils, 550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$7,100 00
For the poor	725 00
Sunday-school purposes	660 50
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	3,105 00
Total	$11,590 50

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$45 00
Salary of the Bishop	50 00
Missionary Fund	100 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	29 00
For other diocesan purposes	300 00
Total	$524 00

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$300 20
Foreign Committee	110 00
H. Mission to C. People	33 70
Total	$443 90

Miscellaneous.

Rectory (now building)	$4,025 00
Florida Mission	52 00
Theological Education	60 00
General Church and parish purposes	648 66
Total	$4,785 66
Gross amount	$17,334 06

Remarks.

The statistics of the mission chapel are included in this report.

Trinity Church, Albany, Albany County.

The Rev. Edward Selkirk, Rector.

Asahel S. Beers, James Bell, Church Wardens.

George Cummings, William Granger, Richard J. Story, John Pritchard, William Little, William Grey, John A. Howe, Robert W. C. Mitchel, Vestrymen.

Families, about 80; comprising 320 individuals, 50. Total baptized persons, 370.

Baptisms: Adults, 6; infants, 28. Total, 34.

Confirmed, 10.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 4. Total, 19.

Communicants: Admitted, 11; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 8; died, 3; present number, 104.

Marriages, 16; burials, 25.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 4; Lent, 50. Total, 158.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 13; number of pupils, about 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, same as last year.

Parsonage and lot, same.

Number of sittings in the church, same; rented or free? same.

Present indebtedness of parish: All indebtedness provided for.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, nothing.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$762 00
For the poor	31 56
Sunday-school purposes	62 75
Total	$856 31

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$6 14
Missionary Fund	14 68
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	5 85
Total	$26 67
Gross amount	$882 98

Remarks.

It may be worthy of remark, that, for two years past, a very large portion of the rector's time has been devoted to the work of building a rectory, the cost of which has been

(aside from the cost of the lot) nearly ten thousand dollars, most of which amount has been gathered by the generous offerings of the citizens who are not parishioners.

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S. Peter's Church, Albany, Albany County.

The Rev. William A. Snively, Rector.

The Rev. George Fisher, Assistant Minister.

Thomas Hun, Charles M. Jenkins, Church Wardens.

John S. Perry, Erastus Corning, Jr., Cornelius Schuyler, Lyman Tremain, Stephen J. Roe, S. H. Hammond, Samuel Moffatt, Selden E. Marvin, Vestrymen.

Families, 250; comprising 800 individuals. Total baptized persons, 735.

Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 29. Total, 38.

Confirmed, 27.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 89; private, 22. Total, 111.

Communicants: Present number, 380.

Marriages, 6; burials, 31.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 31; Lent, 80; other days, 378. Total, 589.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 9; number of children taught, 100.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 28; number of pupils, 200.

Parish institution: For orphans — "Juvenile Retreat": Number of inmates, 14.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $160,000; condition, excellent.

Parsonage, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, excellent.

Other property, $4,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 850; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to rector, $4,000 and the rectory; assistant minister, $1,200; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$12,000 00
For the poor	1,676 59
Sunday-school purposes	319 17
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	1,788 02
Total	$15,783 78

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$104 00
Salary of the Bishop	125 00
Missionary Fund	1,095 22
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	81 50
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	59 48
Total	$1,465 20

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$364 77
Foreign Committee	174 19
H. Mission to C. People	43 28
Total	$582 24

Miscellaneous.

Theological Education	$313 50
Hospital for Incurables	263 48

Florida Mission	$187 00
Church at Ticonderoga	143 80
Mission at Salt Lake City	98 37
S. Agnes School	750 00
Episcopal Residence	12,500 00
Total	$14,256 15
Gross amount	$32,087 37

Church of the Holy Innocents, Albany, Albany Co.

The Rev. Royal Marshall, Rector.

William H. De Witt, William Mason, Church Wardens.

Joshua Rathbun, Oscar L. Hacey, Frank Jones, Gerritt J. Bratt, Caleb Palmer, George Rork, Sen., Samuel M. Van Santvoord, Charles Belcher, Vestrymen.

Families, 130; comprising 250 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 18. Total, 22.

Confirmed, 16.

Holy Communion celebrated once each month and on the greater festivals.

Communicants: Present number, 175.

Marriages, 8; burials, 10.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, once every month.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 25; number of pupils, 200.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $30,000; condition, good.

Other property, stone chapel.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? free.

Arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$2,500 00
For the poor	91 25
Sunday-school purposes	133 00
Total	$2,624 25

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$32 00
Salary of the Bishop	12 50
Missionary Fund	107 20
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	17 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	25 23
Total	$149 20

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$48 45

Miscellaneous.

Indian Missions	75 51
Total	$123 96
Gross amount	$2,897 41

Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, Albany County.

The Rev. Charles A. Wenman, Rector and Missionary.

James Grant Jarvis, Sen., Franklin Frisbee, Jr., Church Wardens.

Anthony E. Burt, Edward Smith, Nathaniel Teed, Perry Gifford, John L. Rice, Robert J. Washbon, James Prosser, George W. Hood, Vestrymen.

Families, 30; comprising 80 individuals. Total baptized persons, 85.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants and children, 14. Total, 19.

Confirmed, 4.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 3; received from other parishes, 1; removed, 8; died, 2; present number, 70.

Marriage, 1; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 6; Lent, 12; other days, 60. Total, 178.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, weekly.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 8; number of pupils, about 40.

Parish school, none.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,500; condition, excellent.

Parsonage and lot, none.

Other property, $1,200 in bonds and notes.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? owned by occupants.

Present indebtedness of parish, nothing.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450; arrears of salary, nothing.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$444 06
Communion alms	55 42
Sunday-school purposes	26 75
Total	$526 23

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$10 00
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	48 34
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 75
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	10 50
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	15 00
Total	$93 84

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$15 42
Foreign Committee	15 42
H. Mission to C. People	4 50
Total	$35 34

Miscellaneous.

Nashotah	$37 00
S. Helen's Hall	10 00
Mission to Jews	4 00
Total	$51 00
Gross amount	$706 41

Remarks.

For the accommodation of persons riding to church from a distance, seven well built horse-sheds are in course of completion, the estimated cost of which is from $200 to $250.

S. Mark's Church, Green Island, Albany County.

The Rev. Edgar T. Chapman, Rector.
William C. Buell, Le Grand B. Cannon, Church Wardens.

John B. Groat, Henry Stowell, Edward D. Tighe, Chauncey Follett, Thomas Smith, Richard Leonard, Henry Walk, James Henry Ecklor, Vestrymen.

Families, 74; comprising 297 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 6; infants, 20. Total, 26.

Confirmed, 15.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 8; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 9; died, 1; present number, 55.

Marriage, 1; burials, 7.

Divine Service: Sundays, 2; holy day, 1; Lent, 2; other day, 1.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 130.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 13; number of pupils, 130.

Parish school: Paid or free, free; number of teachers, 2; pupils—boys, 20; girls, 6. Total, 26.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $15,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 264; rented or free? free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$807 19
For the poor	25 00
Sunday-school purposes	80 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	51 00
Total	$963 19

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$12 00
Salary of the Bishop	25 00
Missionary Fund	53 75
Total	$90 75
Gross amount	$1,053 94

Clinton County Associate Mission.

From Feast of the Purification, Feb. 2, A. D. 1870, to Sept. 18, A. D. 1870.

The Rev. George C. Pennell, A.M., Rector and Priest in charge of the Mission.

The Rev. Thomas May Thorpe, Associate Priest.

The Rev. Joshua N. T. Goss, Deacon and Secretary of the Mission.

David White, Lay Reader.

S. John's Church, Champlain.

Christ Church, Rouses Point.

S. Paul's Church, Centreville.

S. Peter's Church, Ellenburgh.

S. Luke's Church, Chazy.

S. John's Church.

D. Finley, S. A. Kellogg, Church Wardens.

James Averill, G. W. Goulding, James Forbes, George Burroughs, J. S. Smith, William N. Coit, M.D., William R. Gordon, H. W. Clark, Vestrymen.

Families, 28.

Baptisms: Infants, 2.

Confirmed, 2.

Marriages, 2; burials, 3.

Holy Communion, 8.

Communicants, 28.

Services: Sundays, 62; holy days, 11; Lent, 30; Total, 103.

Parish Property.

Church and lot (condition good), $4,000.
Other property, $600.
Number of sittings (free), 250.
Parsonage and lot, $4,000.
Present indebtedness, general fund, $100.
Amount pledged for salary, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries)	$269 87
For improvement of church building	191 33
For parsonage	2,500 00
Sunday-school purposes	5 03
Offertory at Holy Communion	24 13
Total	$2,990 36

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$6 26
Missionary Fund	11 92
Prayer-Book Society	4 00
Total	$22 18
Gross amount	$3,012 54

Christ Church.

John Thompson, John Phillips, Church Wardens.

William T. Crook, D. Mott, W. B. Pierce, L. C. Dodge, M.D., Rufus Heaton, T. H. Slingsby, H. Hewitt, H. L. Clark, Vestrymen.

Families, 66.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 11. Total, 14.

Confirmed, 10.

Marriage, 1; burials, 8.

Holy Communion: Public, 10; private, 2. Total, 12.

Communicants, 95.

Services: Sundays, 52; holy days, 12; Lent, 34; other days, 2. Total, 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot (condition good), $3,500.

Other property, $800.

Number of sittings (free), 350.

Present indebtedness, $500.

Amount pledged for salary, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$944 25
Sunday-school purposes	10 71
Offertory at Holy Communion	20 64
Rector's Ladies Aid Association	30 00
Rector's Junior Aid Society	144 62
Total	$1,150 22

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$12 02
Missionary Fund	5 45
Prayer-Book Society	3 05
Total	$20 52
Gross amount	$1,170 74

S. Paul's Church.

William Tomlinson, Church Warden.

James Hunter, Henry Rediker, O. D. Corkins, J. B. Lewis, Treasurer, William Davidson, Samuel Miller, Asa Corkins, Vestrymen.

Families, 34.
Baptisms; Adults, 3; infants, 19. Total, 22.
Confirmed, 11.
Marriages, none; burials, 3.
Holy Communion, 3.
Communicants, 18.
Services: Sundays, 43; holy day, 1; Lent, 5; other days, 2. Total, 51.

Parish Property.

Church and lot (condition good), $2,000.
Other property, $100.
Number of sittings (free), 150.
Parsonage and lot, $1,000.
Present indebtedness, $50.
Amount pledged for salary, $112.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries)	$52 04
For rent of parsonage to June 1, 1870, applied to improvement of church	21 84
Offertory at Holy Communion	2 90
Total	$76 78

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$2 55
Prayer-Book Society	1 00
Total	$3 55
Gross amount	$80 33

S. Peter's Church.

John Revel, Church Warden.
George Higgins, Clerk.
De Witt C. Roberts, Treasurer.
} Acting until Easter.

Families, 20.
Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 6. Total, 13.
Confirmed, 10.
Marriages, none; burials, 1.
Holy Communion, 1.
Communicants, 5.
Services: Sundays, 39; Lent, 5; other days, 1. Total, 45.

Parish Property.

Church and lot (condition better), $2,000.
Other property, $200.
Number of sittings (free), 150.
Present indebtedness, $294 (advanced by the Treasurer for improvements of church property).
Amount pledged for salary, $85.50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$61 15
Offertory at Holy Communion	1 40
Total	$62 55

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$1 79
Prayer-Book Society	1 15
Total	$2 94
Gross amount	$75 49

S. Luke's Church.

A. P. Brooks, M.D., William Whyte, Church Wardens.
Oliver Bullis, Lemuel North, John Stevenson, P. F. North, Dean Nichols, Henry Saxe, A. A. North, Romeo Hyde, M.D., Vestrymen.

Families, 14.
Baptisms, none.
Confirmed, none.
Marriage, 1 (sign language); burials, 2.
Holy Communion: Public, 2; private, 1. Total, 3.
Communicants, 9.
Services: Sundays, 14; other day, 1. Total 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot (condition good), $4,000.
Other property, $100.
Number of sittings (free), 150.
Amount of salary, not yet pledged.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (salaries not included)	$26 00
Offertory at Holy Communion	80
Total	$26 80

Diocesan.

Prayer-Book Society	2 75
Gross amount	$29 55

Summary.

Families, 162.
Baptisms: Adults, 13; infants, 38. Total, 51.
Confirmed, 33.
Marriages, 4; burials, 11.
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: public, 24; private, 3. Total, 27.
Communicants, 155.
Services: Sundays, 210; holy days, 24; Lent, 74; other days, 6. Total, 314.

Parish Property.

Five churches and lots (condition good)	$15,500 00
Other property	1,800 00
Two parsonages, S. John's (just built), S. Paul's,	5,000 00
Total	$22,300 00

Present indebtedness, $944.
Number of sittings in churches, 1,050; all free.

Amount pledged for salary	$1,707 50
Amount received from Board of Missions	800 00
Total	$2,507 50

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,353 06
For improvement of church property	681 79
For parsonage (S. John's, Champlain)	2,500 00
Sunday-school purposes	15 74
Offertory at Holy Communion	49 87
Total	$4,600 46

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$18 28
Missionary Fund	21 71
Prayer-Book Society	11 95
Total	$51 94

Offertory throughout the mission during Rogation week, and the Bishop's visitation (used for expenses of same)	$51 75
Gross amount	$4,704 15

Actual offerings of the mission, after deducting $2,500 for parsonage at Champlain	$2,204 15

Services Held.

S. John's Church	103
Christ Church	100
S. Paul's Church	51
S. Peter's Church	45
S. Luke's Church	15
Total	314

The Rector has held 127 services.
The Rev. Mr. Thorpe, 47 services.
The Rev. Mr. Goss, 35 services.
The Rev. Mr. Locke, 79 services.
Lay services by Mr. Goss, 12.
Lay services by Mr. White, 7.
The Bishop held 5 services.
The Rev. Mr. Heffernan, 1 service.
Visitors during Rogation Week, 7 services.

Remarks.

The report of Clinton County Associate Mission dates from its organization, Feast of the Purification, February 2d, A. D. 1870.

Without going into minute detail, I would report that the work under God's blessing is now a little more cheering—hard as it is. The church feeling, except at Champlain and Rouses Point, was literally dead, for even the occasional services had ceased.

We have been scarcely able to maintain the temporalities of the mission and the support of the clergy, even with the help of the stipend ($800) from the Diocese. Out of the $1,707.50, amount pledged for salary, two hundred and forty dollars have been used for travelling expenses in going

about the mission; leaving $1,467.50 for the support of the three clergy.

We regret not to be able to contribute to all the Diocesan funds.

We trust that with help from the Diocese, we shall have life and strength enough to extend a helping hand to other weak portions of the Diocese.

Services are held by the Rector in the sign language for deaf mutes, and the offices of the church given to them in their beautiful language of signs.

The Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, the zealous missionary to these children of silence, has visited us and aided in this work.

The Rector (on Sunday, August 7th) held two open air services on South Hero Island, one of a beautiful group in Lake Champlain. There were present at each of the services about three hundred and fifty persons.

S. John Evangelist Church, Stockport, Columbia County.

The Rev. William Oscar Jarvis, Rector.

Gideon Lathrop, Thomas James, Church Wardens.

C. H. Stott, F. H. Stott, Rensselaer Reynolds, Joseph Wild, James Trent, John McGargle, Wm. F. Butler, James Hyde, Vestrymen.

Families, about 100.

Baptisms: Adults, 10; infants, 10. Total, 20.

Confirmed, 14.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month and the greater festivals.

Communicants: Admitted, 6; removed, 1; died, 3; present number, 89.

Marriage, 1; burials, 8.

Divine Service: See remarks.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, monthly; number of children taught, 80.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 10; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good.

Other property, chapel at Stottville worth $5,000, good.

Number of sittings in the church, —; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses partly known and partly estimated (including salaries, etc.)	$1,250 00
Sunday-school purposes, estimated	100 00
Total	$1,350 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$25 22
Salary of the Bishop	29 13
Missionary Fund	117 41
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	20 06
Total	$201 82

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$51 88
Bishop Tuttle (from Sunday-school)	28 00
Total	$79 88

Miscellaneous.

Mission to Jews	$1 89
Parsonage at Drummondville, Canada West	23 00
Total	$24 89
Gross amount	$1,656 59

Remarks.

An addition has been made to the south transept of the chapel, providing more room for the organ and choir.

The work in my parish is largely of a missionary character, and extends to many who are but slightly identified with the church. Many to whom I minister have to be reached by going from house to house, over a large extent of country, rather than by public services.

I have officiated in the parish of Kinderhook, four times in the burial of the dead, once in the communion of the sick, and several times in the visitation of the sick. These services are not included in the summary given above.

S. Luke's Church, Clermont, Columbia County.

The Rev. W. S. Rowe, Rector and Missionary.

Families, 22; comprising 74 individuals, 36. Total baptized persons, 57.

Baptisms: Adults, none; infants, 4. Total, 4.

Confirmed: The Bishop's visitation postponed.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 2. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 1; received from other parishes, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 28.

Marriage, 1; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 130; holy days, 9; Lent, 7. Total, 146.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, 22.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,200; condition, needs painting.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 150; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $200; arrears of salary, $95.50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$20 00
Sunday-school purposes	6 00
Towards an organ	35 00
Total	$61 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$4 00
Endowment of Episcopate	1 00
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	11 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 00
Total	$25 75
Gross amount	$86 75

Remarks.

Since I came here, I have sought specially to get a hold upon that portion of the rising generation who either have or are about to put away childish things. In my efforts to do so, I formed a Bible class, which is attended by ten young men who have learned to take part, and take pleasure

in doing so, in the Evening Prayers of the Church. My present Bible class meets at Baker's Mills, two miles from here, where, all last winter, I had a service every Sunday afternoon, and, by my labors, gained some hold upon the affections of the people. In my report of last year, I neglected to mention a class of nine that was confirmed at the Bishop's visitation.

Trinity Church, Claverack, Columbia County.

The Rev. William C. Prout, Rector and Missionary.

Stephen H. Webb, Church Warden.

William Henry Philip, Horatio G. Adams, Lewis Skinkle, Gilbert Fleming, John Rowley, Edward Rowley, Vestrymen.

Families, 10.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 9.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 2; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 21.

Divine Service: Sundays, 17; holy days, 4; other days, 19. Total. 40.

Sunday-schools: Number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, 13.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 130; rented or free? some rented, some free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$69 70
Salary	550 00
Total	$619 70

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$5 33
Salary of the Bishop	12 50
Total	$17 83
Gross amount	$637 53

Remarks.

The Rev. Mr. Downie resigned the rectorship of this parish on the third Sunday in November, 1869. The present rector entered on his duties on the first Sunday in August of the present year. For the intervening eight months, the church was but once opened for divine service. This fact will explain why so few collections for diocesan and general purposes have been made. Contributions for these objects have not been made, because the parish has been taxed to the full extent of its ability, in order to pay a debt incurred over a year ago for repairing the church.

S. Paul's Church, Kinderhook, Columbia County.

The Rev. Edward Hale, officiating.

James Mitchell, Church Warden.

David Van Schaack, Francis Silvester, Henry H. Gibbs, Isaac V. A. Snyder, Augustus W. Wynkoop, Henry S. Wynkoop, John J. Van Schaack, Elbridge G. Howard, Vestrymen.

Families, 15; comprising 49 individuals, 65. Total baptized persons, 55.

Baptisms: Adults, none; infant, 1. Total, 1.

Confirmed, 7.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 5; private, 1. Total, 6.

Communicants: Admitted, 7; received from other parishes, 2; died, 3; present number, 34.

Burials, 5.

Divine Service: Sundays, 52; holy days, 2; other days, 9. Total, 63.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 58.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good.

Church and parsonage are on same lot.

Other property, none.

Number of sittings in the church, 32 pews, accommodating 150 persons; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $1,000.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500 and rectory; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$644 14
Sunday-school purposes	10 28
Total	$654 42

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$31 25
Missionary Fund	15 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	20 00
Total	$66 75
Gross amount	$721 17

Remarks.

One of the wardens of the parish, Mr. Chester Jarvis, died during the past summer, and the vacancy thus caused has not yet been filled. The indebtedness of the parish

has been reduced, since the last report, from $1,500 to $1,000. The parish remained without the services of a resident clergyman till the 26th of August last, when the Rev. Edward Hale, who had been invited by the vestry to officiate in the parish, entered upon the discharge of his duties. Previous to that time, the services of the Church had been regularly maintained by lay-reading once on each Sunday.

JAMES MITCHELL,
Warden.

Christ Church, Hudson, Columbia County.

The Rev. Curtiss T. Woodruff, Rector.

John Crissey, Robert B. Monell, Church Wardens.

William B. Skinner, H. I. Barringer, J. Mosely, J. P. Wheeler, W. C. Benton, E. W. Kimball, J. M. Punderson, William H. Cookson, Vestrymen.

Families, about 120; comprising 500 individuals. Total baptized persons, 350.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 27. Total, 32.

Confirmed, 16.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16; private, 5. Total, 21.

Communicants: Removed, 1; died, 6; present number, 268.

Marriages, 6; burials, 15.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 6; other days, 3. Total, 113.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 3; number of children taught, 160.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 25; number of pupils, 300.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $50,000; condition, *excellent.*

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good.

Other property: Organ, $4,000; chapel, $4,000; "Chapel of All Saints," $5,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 500; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$2,141 00
For the poor	104 43
Sunday-school purposes	40 82
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	82 46
Total	$2,368 71

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$270 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	16 20
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	23 90
Total	$310 10

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$27 84
Foreign Committee	26 78
Total	$54 62
Theological Education	25 00
Total	$79 63

Miscellaneous.

Society for Inc. Ministry	$27 35
Greenesboro, Ga.	18 00
Special Missions	23 00
Total	$68 35
	$2,826 78
Salary of the Bishop	62 50
Gross amount	$2,889 28

Remarks.

The present rector entered upon the charge of this parish the first of last May. Since then, the chapel on "Academy Hill" has been finished, and was consecrated by the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, in the presence of fifteen clergy, on the 13th instant, by the name of the "Chapel of All Saints." It stands as a purely free-will offering—built without begging, or fairs, or any extraordinary means—a noble testimony to the persevering energy and the expectant faith of a few earnest ladies of the parish, aided by their friends. A flourishing Sunday-school meets in it every Sunday A. M. at nine o'clock, and regular service is held every P. M. at four o'clock. The attendance is large and regular.

S. Paul's Church, Franklin, Delaware County.

The Rev. William M. Ogden, Rector.

H. S. Edwards, A. S. Miller, Church Wardens.

B. T. Cooke, S. Wheat, M. Bostwick, A. T. Treadwell, J. H. Pierson, Wm. Smith, C. Miller, W. H. Hider, Clerk, Vestrymen.

Families, 52; individuals, about 162.

Baptisms: Infant, 1; adults, 9.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 4.

Communicants: Admitted, none since last report; received from other parishes, none; removed, none; died, none; present number, 85.

Divine Service: Sundays, 24; holy days, 3.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 39.

Church Property.

Church and lot, estimated value, $10,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, value, $3,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings, 300; free.

Church free from debt.

Salary pledged to rector, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses, about	$300 00
Communion alms	7 28
Bishop's salary (assessed $25)	19 00
Missionary funds (diocesan and others)	20 12
Domestic Missions	3 00
Total	$349 40

The former rector, the Rev. Mr. Ogden, having resigned the rectorship some two or three months previous to the close of the conventional year, no report was made, and I, having been requested by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, assistant secretary, to make out the report, have done the best I could under the circumstances. Doubtless there may be some inaccuracies in the report, but I think, in the main, it is correct, at least, so far as the facts appear upon the register. I find the parish in very good condition; they have a very fine church and parsonage; congregation good; and, on the whole, I regard it as a very promising parish. But I think the financial ability of the parish has been somewhat over-estimated. The present rector was very

kindly received; and, judging from the zeal and earnestness with which the people enter into the work, I think I may safely count on the hearty co-operation of the parish in carrying forward all the interests of the Church.

Christ Church, Deposit, Delaware County.

The Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, Rector.

A. C. Moses, Dr. W. H. Gregory, Church Wardens.

Daniel Walling, J. H. Herring, Robert Orr, Titus Bigsby, Dr. O. T. Bundy, Jr., Clerk, Vestrymen.

Families, 27; comprising 100 individuals. Total baptized persons, 78.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infant, 1. Total, 5.

Confirmed, 5.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 3.

Communicants: Removed, 1; present number, 37.

Divine Service: Sundays, 12; other day, 1. Total, 13.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 36.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, none.

Parsonage and lot, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$500 00

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$14 26
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	2 75
Total	$17 01
Gross amount	$517 01

Remarks.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish on the first of April. At that time, he found it in a very disordered condition, owing to the want of services for some time past. He came as a missionary, but has since been called to the rectorship.

The congregation worships at present in an upper-room in the village academy. A lot has been partially secured, and efforts are to be made during the coming winter to raise money for building purposes. The attendance is steadily increasing, and the services of the Church are exciting considerable interest. Until the present time, the rector has been only able to hold a morning service on alternate Sundays, a lay reader holding service on the intervening Sundays. The incumbent's time has been divided between Deposit, Hancock and Oneonta.

Grace Mission, Hancock, Delaware County.

The Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, Missionary.

Andrew Taylor, Warden.

Dwight R. Benedict, Treasurer and Clerk.

Families, 12; comprising 36 individuals. Total baptized persons, 26.

Baptisms: Adults, 4.

Confirmed, 8.

Communicants: Present number confirmed, 16.

Divine Service: Sundays, 10; other days, 1. Total, 11.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 32.

Parish Property.

Amount of salary pledged to Bishop for support of clergyman, $150.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)-----	$150 00

Remarks.

The Missionary began his labors in April. This is entirely new missionary ground. A few church families have lived here destitute of the ministrations of the church for a long time. They have now taken hold of the work in real earnest, and the prospect is very encouraging. The congregation worships in the Baptist place of worship. An evening service is held every other Sunday evening. The attendance is larger, and many are becoming interested in the church. There is material here for quite a good sized parish. The mission was organized during the summer, according to the Canons of the Diocese.

Christ Church, Walton, Delaware County.

The Rev. Gurdon Huntington, Rector and Missionary.

D. H. Gay and C. B. Wade, Church Wardens.

Dr. H. E. Bartlett, F. A. Brisack, Abram O. Chrisman, Edwin Guild, S. B. Marvin, James D. Rogers, Gabriel S. Sawyer, Sen., and George St. John, Vestrymen.

Families, 52; comprising individuals, 239.

Baptisms: Infants, 2. Total, 2.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 2. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 8; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 1; present number, 88.

Marriage, 1; burials, 2.

Divine Service: Sundays, 126; holy days, 2; Lent, 12.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 40.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 8; number of pupils, 40.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $1,600; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 275, rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, nothing.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, the pew rents; rrears of salary, $75.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$695 05
For the poor	4 00
Sunday-school purposes	10 00
Sunday-school offertory	29 65
Parish institutions, missions, etc	20 00
Total	$758 70

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$10 00
Additional for last year	2 50
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	20 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	3 40
Total	$67 15

General.

Board of Missions:

Foreign Committee	$5 00

Miscellaneous.

Missions in general	$5 00
Walton Bible Society	5 75
Jewish Mission in New York	5 13
Mission at Portlandville	5 03
Raised by Ladies' Society	100 00
Total	$120 91
Gross amount	$946 76

Remarks.

The addition of handsome tablets, during the year, has much improved the effect of the interior of the church. The decided increase in the number of communicants, within two or three years, is a ground of no little encouragement.

S. Peter's Church, Hobart, Delaware County.

The Rev. D. Ellis Willes, Rector.

Samuel Barlow, William H. Sturgis, Church Wardens.

Peter Kilpatrick, Samuel H. Taylor, John Hanford, E. B. Taylor, John Loughran, John W. Griffin, F. W. Foote, George Barlow, Vestrymen.

Families, 55; comprising 190 individuals. Total baptized persons, 190.

Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 11. Total, 18.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 5. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 7; removed, 1; died, 3; present number, 90.

Marriages, 2; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 96; holy days, 3; Lent, 17; other days, 2. Total, 118.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 6; number of children taught, 40.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 40.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $3,000.

Other property: Organ, bell, etc., $1,000; land and cemetery, $800.

Number of sittings in the church, 275; rented, galleries free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

rrent expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$873 10
nday-school purposes	57 00
Total	$930 10

Diocesan.

ocesan Fund	$4 20
lary of the Bishop	18 75
ssionary Fund	45 80
ole and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	4 28
nd for Aged and Infirm Clergy	5 27
Total	$78 30

General.

Board of Missions:	
mestic Committee	$14 00
Gross amount	$1,022 40

S. John's Church, Delhi, Delaware County.

The Rev. Joseph Richie, Rector.
Charles Marvin, Nathaniel Hathaway, Church Wardens.
J. Redfield, O. S. Hatfield, A. C. Edgerton, O. W. Smith, W. Woodruff, W. H. Griswold, J. Palmer, G. Moore, Vestmen.
Families, 75.
Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 4. Total, 13.
Confirmed, 17.
Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 20; vate, 6. Total, 26.
Communicants: Present number, 145.
Marriages, 9; burials, 6.

Divine Service: Sundays, 96; holy days, 15; Lent, 30; other days, 36. Total, 177.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 35; number of children taught, 100.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 17: number of pupils, 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,300; condition, in fund.

Number of sittings in the church, 450; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,149 25
For the poor	25 00
Sunday-school purposes	88 64
Total	$1,262 89

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$36 00
Salary of the Bishop	15 62
Missionary Fund	109 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	15 66
Total	$176 78

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$20 00
Foreign Committee	43 38
H. Mission to C. People	10 00
Total	$73 38

Miscellaneous.

For enlarging and repairing the church	$4,000 00
Gross amount	$5,513 05

S. Paul's Church, Keeseville, Essex County.

The Rev. Wm. H. Cook, Rector and Missionary.

James Rogers, Church Warden.

C. P. Pierce, C. P. Allen, Samuel Ames, W. W. Tabor, Edward Dundas, H. L. Coppins, Henry E. Hart, John Smith, Vestrymen.

Families, 66; comprising 550 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 29. Total, 34.

Confirmed, 12.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 18; private, 10. Total, 28.

Communicants: Admitted, 15; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 3; died, 5; present number, 110.

Marriages, 9; burials, 13.

Divine Service: Sundays, 102; holy days, 6; Lent, 18; other days, 7. Total, 133.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 50; number of children taught, 62.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 15; number of pupils, 62.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot (in trust), $3,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600; arrears of salary, $293.76.

Divine Service: Sundays, 96; holy days, 15; Lent, 30; other days, 36. Total, 177.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 35; number of children taught, 100.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 17: number of pupils, 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,300; condition, in fund.

Number of sittings in the church, 450; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,149 25
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Families, 66; comprising 550 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 29. Total, 34.

Confirmed, 12.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 18; private, 10. Total, 28.

Communicants: Admitted, 15; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 3; died, 5; present number, 110.

Marriages, 9; burials, 13.

Divine Service: Sundays, 102; holy days, 6; Lent, 18; other days, 7. Total, 133.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 50; number of children taught, 62.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 15; number of pupils, 62.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot (in trust), $3,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600; arrears of salary, $293.76.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$685 00
For the poor	43 24
Sunday-school purposes	15 62
Total	$743 86

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$12 00
Endowment of Episcopate	3 89
Salary of the Bishop	18 75
Missionary Fund	56 84
Total	$91 48

Miscellaneous.

Society In. Ministry	$15 18
Incidental expenses	130 00
Total	$145 18
Gross amount	$980 52

S. John's Church, Essex, Essex County.

The Rev. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Missionary.

Stephen Decatur Derby, James Blanchard Ross, Church Wardens.

John Ross, Andrew Jackson Tucker, E. D. Ferguson, M.D., Artemas H. Whitney, Ezra Parkill, John Macomber Ferriss, Robert Fortune, Anthony J. B. Ross, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adults, 20; infants, 19. Total, 39.

Confirmed, 16.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 3. Total, 16.

Communicants: Admitted, 16; received or discovered, 10; moved, none; died, 1; present number, 78.

Marriages, none; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 142; holy days, 4; Lent, 13; her days, 18. Total, 177.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the urch, 11.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of ıpils, 25.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, fair.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $1,200; condition, ir.

Number of sittings in the church, 350; free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $400.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $6 per week.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

ırrent expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$355 62
ɔr the poor	11 00
ınday-school purposes	10 00
ırish church, repairs	25 00
Total	$410 62

Diocesan.

iocesan Fund	$11 50
ılary of the Bishop	12 00
issionary Fund	30 00
ɔnvocation of Ogdensburgh	19 37
ble and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	4 37
Total	$77 24

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$6 36

Miscellaneous.

Convention sermon	$5 00
Gross amount	$499 22

Remarks.

The above totals include the statistics of the missions outside of Essex. During the year, monthly services, at least, have been kept up in the four places reported last year—Wadham's Mills, Whallonsburgh, Bouquet and Willsborough—this last having had services once a fortnight, until lately. The increased demand, however, has been so strong, that a monthly service has been given at the County Poor-House during nearly the whole year; and Lewis and Elizabethtown are now on the list for a monthly service each; being seven places outside of Essex. Of the communicants reported, forty are in Essex, five in Willsborough, seven in Bouquet, ten in Whallonsburgh, five in Wadham's Mills, three in Elizabethtown, three in Lewis, one in Westport, and four in Charlotte, Vt. The missionary contributions have been, from Willsborough, $5.05; from Bouquet, $3; from Whallonsburgh, 70 cents; from Wadham's Mills, $4.25; from Elizabethtown, $11.45; the rest has come from Essex. And the use of a horse and conveyance for all my mission work has been freely given by the Church people of Essex. Sixteen of the baptisms (ten infants and six adults), and four of the confirmations, reported above, were in the missions; the rest in Essex. The missions are from three to sixteen miles distant from Essex, in different directions, north, west and southwest.

Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga, Essex County.

The Rev. Francis H. Stubbs, Missionary.

Families, 24; comprising about 75 individuals. Total baptized persons, 47.

Baptisms: Infants, 4.

Communicants: Removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 22.

Burial, 1.

Divine Service: Sundays, all.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 33.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,251.97; condition, almost finished.

Number of sittings in the church, 177.

Present indebtedness of parish, $996.15.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$65 00
Sunday-school purposes	15 83
Total	$80 83

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$5 00
Missionary Fund	5 00
Total	$10 00

Miscellaneous.

For erection of the church, including gifts received from non-residents	$2,015 82
Gross amount	$2,106 65

Remarks.

Under orderings of Providence the Missionary has been unable to perform the full duties of his charge. Closely engaged, until Trinity Sunday, in the parish of Whitehall, and then compelled to return to his home by a father's illness, which must still detain him, he has given at Ticonderoga only casual service and superintendence, and has failed to meet the pressing demands of this mission for a resident minister; demands which, it is trusted, may soon be satisfied. Throughout the year, however, the people have been earnest and persevering in their efforts, and have well sustained the services conducted by the lay-reader, Mr. Henry C. Burnet. The Sunday-school has prospered. The building of the church, also, kindly assisted from without, has steadily progressed, and we have reason to hope for its completion and the removal of a great part, at least, of its indebtedness before winter.

Chateaugay Mission, Franklin County.

Thomas Peake, Warden.
Ralph Swinburne, Treasurer.
John McCoy, Clerk.
Families, 18; individuals, 60.
Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 13. Total, 16.
Confirmed, 6.
Holy Communion: Number of celebrations, 1.
Communicants, 13.
Divine Service: Sundays, 28; other days, about 20.

Services were commenced in this mission on the 19th of November, 1869, by the Rector of S. Mark's Church, Malone, and were continued regularly once a week until the 18th of February last, when the Rev. W. T. Boone was appointed Missionary, and officiated on alternate Sundays at Chateaugay and Hogansburgh till the 1st of July. Since the withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Boone, occasional services have been held by the Rector of S. Mark's.

Hogansburgh Mission.

Alfred Fulton, Warden.
G. S. Mills, Treasurer.
A. D. Knight, Clerk.
Families, 7; individuals, 30.
Communicants, 5.
Divine Service: Sundays, 26; other days, about 15.

S. Mark's Church, Malone, Franklin County.

The Rev. James Wilkins Stewart, Rector.

Frederick P. Allen, Hon. Wm. Andrus, Church Wardens.

Albert Hobbs, Francis T. Heath, Joel J. Seaver, Horace A. Taylor, William B. Earle, Calvin Shinner, M.D., Charles W. Allen, Daniel H. Stanton, Vestrymen.

Families, 90; comprising 356 individuals. Total baptized persons, 284.

Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 24. Total, 33.

Confirmed, 24.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 2. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 28; received from other parishes, 5; removed, 17; died, 3; present number, 149.

Marriages, 4; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 21; Lent, 57; other days, 71. Total, 249.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 45.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 90.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,500; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,438 68
For the poor	45 69
Sunday-school purposes	70 40
Total	$1,554 77

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$24 00
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	112 18
Convocation of Ogdensburgh	150 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	15 46
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	15 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	11 70
Bishop, for Theological Education	20 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	5 00
Total	$384 59

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee (including Sunday-school offering of $12)	$17 30
Foreign Committee	5 30
Total	$22 60

Miscellaneous.

Mission in Franklin county	$15 00
Gross amount	$1,966 96

Remarks.

In addition to the services above recorded, I have celebrated divine service and preached in the Chateaugay Mission sixteen times, administered the Holy Communion once, on Tuesday in Easter week, and the sacrament of baptism on several occasions. I have also visited the Hogansburgh Mission, celebrated divine service and preached twice. These missions have been organized, since the last meeting of the Convention, in accordance with the provision of Canon XVI, under very favorable auspices, and it is hoped will grow into permanent parochial organizations. There are in each a few Church members, who earnestly desire the services of the Church, and are willing to contribute as they are able to the support of a missionary. But, since the withdrawal of the Rev. W. T. Boone, who labored some six months in the mission, it has not been found practicable to secure the services of a missionary.

S. Peter's Church, Brush's Mills, Franklin County.

The Rev. John Randall, Missionary.

Henry M. Brush, Christopher Jamieson, Church Wardens.

George Farrington, B. F. Whipple, H. Corbin Brush, David Smith, George Earle, H. G. Goodrich, T. M. Winkley, E. Clay, Vestrymen.

Families, 15; comprising 75 individuals, 10. Total baptized persons, 85.

Baptisms: Infants, 7. Total, 7.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 18; private, 1. Total, 19.

Communicants: Admitted, 29; removed, 2; present number, 27.

Burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 117; holy days, 3; Lent, 12; other days, 40. Total, 172.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 70; number of children taught, 35.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 35.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 175; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$341 77
Sunday-school purposes	5 00
Total	$346 77

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund for Convention of Ogdensburgh,	$10 00
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	10 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	6 50
Total	$32 75

Miscellaneous.

One and a half per cent on salary	$4 50
For Diocesan purposes (assessed)	5 00
For organ	90 00
Ladies Aid Society: For bell	107 00
General purposes	77 00
Altar linen	20 00
Total	$303 50
Gross amount	$683 02

Church of the Redeemer, Northampton, Fulton Co.

The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, Rector and Missionary.

Harvey D. Smith, Henry Sand, Church Wardens.

James Kendrick, Collis Ingalls, Harry Korn, Myron Gilbert, Thomas Benedict, Russel Gilbert, Wright Patridge, Vestrymen.

Families, 25; comprising 83 individuals. Total baptized persons, 75.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 7. Total, 12.

Confirmed, 3.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 9; private, none. Total, 9.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parishes, none; removed, none; died, 1; present number, 40.

Marriage, 3; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 95; holy days, 5; Lent, 5; other days, 1. Total, 106.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, from 2 to 3; number of pupils, from 2 to 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $1,200; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, none.

Other property, none.

Number of sittings in the church, 100. Rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000; arrears of salary, no settlement.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (for repairs and carpeting the church)	$150 00
For the poor	5 00
Sunday-school purposes	3 79
Total	$158 79

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$6 00
Missionary Fund	$22 10
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 00
Total	$31 10
Gross amount	$189 89

Remarks.

The Rector of this parish, deriving the larger portion of his salary from the missionary organizations of the Diocese, feels and labors rather as a Missionary than a Rector. He has little hope that a self-supporting parish can be built up in this place. We have suffered sadly by deaths and removals since the organization of the parish, and now have only five male communicants, one of whom is too young to be a vestryman. The Rector has felt constrained to hold services where opportunity presented and there appeared to be a desire to become acquainted with the church. In pursuance of this idea he has held one service at Lake Pleasant, which was well attended, several at Wellstown, once in three weeks at Benson, and twice at Hope Falls, in Hamilton county. At each of these points the congregations have been larger than at the Fish House. At seven places in Fulton county, and at distances from his home varying from four to ten miles, services have been held and prayer-books and tracts distributed, and it is to be hoped that some seed thus scattered over this extended field will, with God's blessing, take deep root, and bear fruit to the glory of the Divine Master.

S. John's Church, Johnstown, Fulton County.

The Rev. James Byron Murray, Rector.
Elijah W. Prindle, Abiram S. Van Voast, Church Wardens.

B. H. Dewey, Samuel Hopgood, James M. Dudley, Isaiah Yauncy, M. M. Yost, Jonathan Ricketts, John M. Carroll, William Argersinger, Vestrymen.

Families, 82.

Baptisms: Adults, 19; infants, 12. Total, 31.

Confirmed, 11.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 10; private, 21. Total, 31.

Communicants: Admitted, 3; died, 5; present number, 108.

Marriages, 6; burials, 15.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 17; Lent, 20; other days, 6 Total, 137.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 8; number of children taught, 90.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 90.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, fair.

Other property, $5,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 58; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,400 00
For the poor	40 00
Sunday-school purposes	41 50
Total	$1,481 50

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$8 11

Miscellaneous.

For furnace	$2 30
For repairs	35
Total	$2 65
Gross amount	$1,492 26

Remarks.

The parish is without a rector, the late rector having resigned on the first of August last.

The parish register shows services performed by the late rector since his connection with the parish ceased. Baptisms, six; one adult and five infants. Marriage, one.

The church has been opened for divine service, since the vacancy in the rectorship, most of the Sundays, by lay reading.

The vestry have resolved to make some considerable repairs in and about the edifice, which, if carried out, will necessitate the closing of the church for some little time.

E. W. Prindle,
A. S. Van Voast,
Wardens.

Trinity Church, Gloversville, Fulton County.

The Rev. J. Hutchings Brown, Missionary in charge.

D. H. Cuyler, Howard Hill, Church Wardens.

George Shurbourne, A. W. Gorton, J. R. Arrowsmith, T. M. Beach, P. Edwards, —— Peake, E. Newton, Vestrymen.

Families, 22; comprising 100 individuals.

Baptisms: Infants, 3.

Confirmed, 5.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 5.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 3; present number, 25.

Divine Service: Sundays, 13.

Catechism: Number of children taught, 50.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $25.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses	$74 82

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$3 00
Gross amount	$77 82

Remarks.

This report reaches only as far back as the 14th of May, as the necessary data are not before me to give the report for the full Conventional year.

S. Luke's Church, Catskill, Greene County.

The Rev. Robert Weeks, Rector.

Charles Trowbridge, Chas. S. Millard, Church Wardens.

F. James Fitch, D. B. Dunham, Theo. A. Cole, Oliver Bourke, John Breasted, John H. Bayley, jr., Rufus W. Watson, William L. Du Bois, Vestrymen.

Families, 110; comprising 415 individuals. Total baptized persons, 415.

Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 38. Total, 45.

Confirmed, 21.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 46; private, 8. Total, 54.

Communicants: Admitted, 11; removed, 3; died, 3; present number, 165.

Marriages, 6; burials, 15.

Divine Service: All Sundays, twice; all holy days, twice; Lent, twice daily; other days, twice all Wednesdays and Fridays. Total, 368.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 52; number of children taught, 100.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 17; number of pupils, 100; mission, 25. Total, 125.

Parish school: Paid or free? paid; number of teachers, 2; pupils—boys, 25; girls, 17. Total, 42.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 360; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200; parsonage, rent free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,675 00
For the poor	35 34
Sunday-school purposes	80 75
Parish institutions, missions, etc	144 50
Total	$1,935 59

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$18 00
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	136 20
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	9 78
Fund for aged and infirm clergy	7 96

Sheltering Arms, New York	$6 00
Society for promoting religion and learning	5 00
Total	$214 19

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$20 13
Mission to Jews	6 88
H. Mission to C. People	5 00
Total	$32 01

Miscellaneous.

Easter offering of Sunday-school	$23 64
Contributed by Mission at Leeds	139 95
Raised by Ladies' Sewing Society for repair of parsonage	280 00
Offertory of early celebrations for chancel furniture	14 24
Total	$457 83
Gross amount	$2,639 62

Calvary Church, Cairo, Greene County.

No Rector.

Edwin E. Darby, Henry E. Hotchkiss, Church Wardens.

Daniel P. Tremaine, J. L. Van Hoosen, Lucius Byington, Peter Plunk, S. Chatterton, Harlow Hine, H. Lathrop, H. L. Day, Vestrymen.

Families, 22; comprising 100 individuals. Total baptized persons, 74.

Baptism: infant, 1.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 10.

Communicants: Present number, 54.

Marriage, 1; burials, 9; 7 of them at Poor House.

Divine Service: Sundays, 88; holy days, 2; Lent, 10. Total, 100.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,500; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 150; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $700.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $350.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$450 00

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$15 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	2 53
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 29
Total	$18 82
Gross amount	$468 82

Remarks.

Our rector having resigned, I have not the data to make a report in full on diocesan and general appropriations.

We have expended, in repairing the church, during the past summer, about $800. $600 of which has been contributed outside of the parish.

Trinity Church, Athens, Greene County.

The Rev. J. E. Johnson, Rector and Missionary.

Nathan Clark, William P. Alcott, Church Wardens.

S. H. Nichols, H. O. Nichols, John Warne, F. W. Tolley, C. N. Van Loan, W. H. Van Loan, G. S. Nichols, Nathan Clark, Jr., Vestrymen.

Families, 67; comprising 217 individuals. Total baptized persons, 161.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 8. Total, 13.

Confirmed, 10.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 2. Total, 17.

Communicants: Admitted, 10; received from other parishes, 1; removed, 2; died, 3; present number, 123.

Marriages, 4; burials, 9.

Divine Service: Sundays, all; holy days, most; Lent, 15. Total, 145.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, weekly.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good.

Other property, two lots, $500.

Number of sittings in the church, 342 first floor, 125 gallery; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$725 00
For the poor	40 00
Sunday-school purposes	15 00
Total	$780 00

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$22 65

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$9 00
Foreign Committee	8 00
Total	$17 00
Gross amount	$819 65

Christ Church, Coxsackie, Greene County.

The Rev. Albert Danker, Rector and Missionary.

George Reed, Nicholas Clute, Church Wardens.

L. F. Botsford, F. G. Deming, A. B. Houghtaling, Smith Marshall, William Richardson, W. K. Reed, S. W. Valentine, Vestrymen.

Families, 36; comprising about 75 individuals. Total baptized persons, about 70.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 10. Total, 12.

Confirmed, 15.

Holy Communion: number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 6; present number, 38.

Burials, 2.

Divine Service: Sundays, all; holy days, nearly all; Lent, all Wednesdays and Fridays—twice a day in Holy Week; other days, Fridays. Total, about 130.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 36.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 36.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,600; condition, good.
Parsonage lot, estimated worth, $400; condition, good.
Number of sittings in the church, 300; free.
Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $650.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$750 00
For the poor	26 57
Sunday-school purposes	27 00
Total	$803 57

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$6 00
Missionary Fund	15 88
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	4 10
Total	$25 98

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$5 00
Foreign Committee	5 00
Total	$10 00

Miscellaneous.

Offertory for chancel	$5 50
Subscription for "Home and Abroad"	4 35
For Lenten circulars	3 00
Christmas gifts and church decorations	3 00
Thanksgiving offertory	2 10
Church extension and education in Florida Diocese	6 00

Rector's expenses to Convocation at Little Falls,	$4 02
Ladies' fair and teas	200 00
Total	$227 97
Gross amount	$1,067 52

Remarks.

The alterations and enlargement spoken of in my last report have nearly all been consummated. A handsome chancel and sacristy have been added to the nave of the church, with a beautiful memorial window to the Rev. Jonathan Coe, first rector and founder of the edifice. The design represents the "Good Shepherd," bearing a lamb and crook, with appropriate ecclesiastical emblems. The building has also been re-carpeted, and the organ and choir stalls placed in the chancel. The congregations continue good, and the parish is flourishing, under God's blessing. We propose to go on in the good work (D. V.), and make still further improvements.

Christ Church, Greeneville, Greene County.

The Rev. Henry C. Randall, Rector and Missionary.

Egbert N. Palmer, George L. Rundle, Church Wardens.

T. L. Provost, Edwin Ryder, Samuel George, T. J. Rundle, James Ponsonby, J. F. Burrows, Elijah Roe, Philetus Phillips, Vestrymen.

Individuals, 59. Total baptized persons, 59.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 10; private, 2. Total, 12.

Communicants: Present number, 24.

Divine Service: Sundays, 42; Christmas, 1; Lent, 2. Total, 45.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 5; number of children taught, 11.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 3; number of pupils, 11.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $1,500; condition, good.

Other property, $500; condition, inferior.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$472 98

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$6 00
Salary of the Bishop	10 00
Missionary Fund	10 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 42
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 00
Total	$31 42
Gross amount	$504 40

Remarks.

I became rector of this parish, November 16, A. D. 1869. It had been vacant for one year previous.

S. Paul's Church, Oak Hill, Greene County.

The Rev. Henry C. Randall, Rector and Missionary.
John H. Cheritree, Elias B. Austin, Church Wardens.

Manly B. Mattice, Walter S. Cheritree, James Fenton, Franklin Graham, T. D. Traphagan, Henry O. Graham, Seymour A. Frazer, Andrew C. Fancher, Vestrymen.

Families, 35; comprising 115 individuals. Total baptized persons, 111.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 2. Total, 6.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion; Number of public celebrations, 9.

Communicants: Admitted, 9; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 1; died, 1: present number, 45.

Marriages, 3; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 66; holy days, 29; Lent, 5. Total, 100.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 5; number of children taught, 12.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 4; number of pupils, 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $1,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 150; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $250.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$353 10
Sunday-school purposes, books	5 43
Total	$358 53

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$5 00
Salary of the Bishop, for last year and this	45 00

Missionary Fund	$11 93
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	4 79
Total	$66 72
Gross amount	$425 25

Remarks.

I became rector of this parish, November 16, A. D. 1869. It had been vacant since the previous June.

Trinity Church, Windham, Greene County.

The Rev. Henry H. Prout, Rector.

Austin Smith, Willis Chatfield, Church Wardens.

A. Steele, N. C. Snow, D. B. Prout, L. S. Graham, A. S. Munson, F. Holcomb, M. McLean, M. Brainerd, Vestrymen.

Total baptized persons, 5.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 4. Total, 5.

Confirmed, 4.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 4. Total, 17.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; removed, 6; died, 2; present number, 59.

Marriage, 1; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 52.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, about 20; no record.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, in good repair.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, in good repair.

Other property, S. Paul's Chapel, Windham; out of repair.
Sittings in the church, free.
Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Communion set	$32 00
Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	600 00
Sunday-school purposes	8 00
" "	25 00
Organ	145 00
Total	$810 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$8 00
Endowment of Episcopate	6 25
Salary of the Bishop	6 00
Missionary Fund	19 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	5 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	10 00
Total	$54 25

Remarks.

Sunday afternoon services have been held since last May at three different points, in school-houses, ranging in distance, from the parish church, from three to five miles.

A monthly Sunday service was given to Grace Church, Prattsville, up to the month of June. Since that time, divine service has been held in that church twice.

Report from Grace Church, Prattsville.

Communicants, about 20.
Baptisms: Infants, 2.
Marriage, 1; burials, 2.

H. H. Prout.

Christ Church, Herkimer, Herkimer County.

The Rev. Hermon G. Wood, Rector, and Missionary to Mohawk.

George W. Pine, Robert Earl, Church Wardens.

George H. Kelsey, Bela Palmer, C. W. Palmer, C. Chatfield, Ward P. Munson, J. D. Henderson, P. F. Bellinger, S. Earl, Vestrymen.

Families, 65; comprising 250 individuals. Total baptized persons, 220.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 16. Total, 20.

Confirmed, 13.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 23; private, 3. Total, 26.

Communicants: Admitted, 4: received from other parishes, 3; removed, 4; present number, 34.

Marriages, 4; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 108; Lent, 29; other days, 4. Total, 141.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 8; number of pupils, 62 in the church, 60 in the mission.

Church school: Paid or free? paid; number of teachers, 3; pupils—boys, 38: girls, 58. Total, 96. Average weekly attendance, 40.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, undergoing improvements.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good.

Other property, $1,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550; arrears of salary, $100.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$650 00
For the poor	36 00
Sunday-school purposes	20 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	100 00
Total	$806 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$12 00
Salary of the Bishop	12 50
Missionary Fund	30 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 00
Total	$64 50

Miscellaneous.

Improvement of the church	$150 00
Gross amount	$1,020 50

S. Augustine's Church, Ilion, Herkimer County.

The Rev. Charles H. Lancaster, Rector.

Floyd C. Shepard, John W. Newhouse, Church Wardens.

S. B. Johnson, Wm. Owyans, Wm. R. Russell, D. W. Vanderburgh, M. D., Richard Hard, George Rix, Vestrymen.

Families, 50; comprising 198 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 33. Total, 38.

Confirmed, 15.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 19; private, 1. Total, 20.

Communicants: Admitted, 19; received from Christ Church, Herkimer, 16; from other parishes, 1; died, 1; present number, 35.

Marriages, 1; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 120; holy days, 33; Lent, 53; other days, 26. Total, 232.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, weekly.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 104.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $4,500.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$694 00
For the poor (communion alms)	45 00
Sunday-school purposes	110 00
Total	$849 00

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$10 00
Missionary Fund	14 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society. of Albany and vicinity	6 00
Total	$30 00

Miscellaneous.

For church building	$1,489 00
Ladies' Ch. Aid Society towards building fund, organ, etc., etc	500 00
Sunday-school, towards chancel window	120 57
Total	$2,109 57
Gross amount	$2,988 57

Remarks.

The above report comprehends the whole term of the present incumbent's occupancy, from May, 1869, to September, 1870, inclusive.

S. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, Montgomery County.

The Rev. Thomas G. Clemson, Rector of S. Ann's Church, Amsterdam, who took charge Dec. 1st, 1870.

Charles Devendorf, Sr., M. D., James Fox, Church Wardens.

Joseph Roberts, Stephen Messenger, W. Max Reid, John Kenworthy, James T. Sugden, Cyrus Chase, Henry Persse, D. Carmichael, Vestrymen.

Families, 60; comprising 300 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 12. Total, 14.

Confirmed, 2.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 4. Total, 19.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; received from other parishes, 6; removed, 2; present number, 77.

Marriages, 2; burials, 7.

Divine Service: Sundays, 76; holy days, 13; Lent, 18; other days, 20. Total, 127.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 8; number of children taught, 80.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 13; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good.

Other property, $1,500, endowment.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $900.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,150 00
For the poor	39 70
Sunday-school purposes	30 00
Total	$1,219 70

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$15 50
Missionary Fund	50 00
Total	$65 50

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$22 83

Miscellaneous.

Church repairs	$79 00
Furnishing, etc	365 00
Iron fence	175 00
Baptismal font	146 43
Total	$765 43
Gross amount	$2,073 46

Remarks.

The energies of the parish, this year, have been principally devoted to church furnishing and repairs, which were much needed. The church is now much improved. The great want of the church is a parsonage, and the Rector devoutly trusts that this good object may soon be taken in hand, and that God will open the way to so desirable an object. Contributions in every department are largely increased this year.

Zion Church, Fonda, Montgomery County.

The Rev. J. Hutchings Brown, Missionary in charge.

R. H. Cushney, Hiram L. Washburne, Church Wardens.

Samuel Cross, E. B. Cushney, H. B. Cushney, G. H. F. Van Horne, T. H. Fonda, J. I. Brookman, H. T. E. Brower, Vestrymen.

Families, 23; comprising 50 individuals.

Baptisms: infants, 2.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 4.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parishes, 1; removed, 5; present number, 19.

Marriage, 1.

Divine Service: Sundays, 46; holy days, 6; other days, 28; total, 80.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 8; number of children taught, 75.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 75.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 175 to 200; rented or free? some rented, some free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$455 54
For the poor	22 43
Total	$477 97

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$18 00
Salary of the Bishop	12 50
Missionary Fund	30 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 50
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	2 50
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	3 00
Total	$73 50

General.

Board of Missions:	
General Theological Seminary	$2 50
Gross amount	$553 97

S. John's Church, Exeter, Otsego County.

The Rev. Joel Davis, Missionary.

Seth Hubbard, Church Warden.

Families, about 8; comprising about 20 individuals. Total baptized persons, 13.

Celebrated Holy Communion, once.

Communicants: Admitted, 1; present number of communicants, 11.

Divine Service: Sundays, 25.

No parish property of any account.

Salary pledged to clergyman, about $50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$50 00

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$5 75
Missionary Fund	2 00
For parish purposes	1 57
Gross amount	$59 32

Remarks.

I have found it quite difficult to keep up the services at Exeter, from the fact that we have no house of worship of our own. We hold service in a meeting house owned by the Methodists, Baptists and Universalists, who occupy it alternately every Sunday, so that it is with difficulty that I can get an appointment in at such an hour as to get a congregation; and, unless other arrangements can be made, I doubt whether it will be possible to keep up the appointment.

The few church people we have there, are anxious to have the church service, and are very regular in their attendance, and the people generally seem very friendly.

S. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, Otsego County.

The Rev. M. Scofield, Rector.

Lewis G. Cone, E. R. Packard, Church Wardens.

Frederick A. Sands, Samuel North, Alexander P. Gray, George B. Fellows, David P. Loomis, Lloyd L. Woodruff, Frank B. Arnold, William J. Thompson, Vestrymen.

Families, 47; comprising 152 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 6. Total, 11.

Confirmed, 15.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16.

Communicants: Admitted, 15; received from other parishes, 4; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 94.

Marriages, 2; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 105; holy days, 4; Lent, 11; other days, 1. Total, 121.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 20; number of children taught, 45.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 43.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good.

Other property, $2,000.

Number of sittings in the church, about 200; free.

Present indebtedness of parish, nothing.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$978 46
For the poor	10 00
Sunday-school purposes	47 32
Total	$1,035 78

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$22 29
Special at Convocation, Rev. Slade	17 18
Church debt at Portlandville	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	9 25
Total	$53 72

Miscellaneous.

Furnace	$325 08
Old debt	224 98
Insurance	95 00
Carpet for church	126 50
Church repairs	185 00
Other purposes	162 32
Total	$1,118 88
Gross amount	$2,208 38

Christ Church, Butternuts, Otsego County.

The Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, A.M., Rector to April 1st, 1870. Since that time lay reading by T. H. Fitzgerald.

Clement Ward, William R. Kinne, Church Wardens.

J. R. Blackman, Dr. H. H. Wicks, John Mayne, R. Hollis, F. Blackman, I. L. G. Ward, E. H. Gadsby, W. R. Smith, Vestrymen.

Families, 68; comprising 208 individuals.

Baptisms: Infants, 3.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 8; private, 3. Total, 11.

Communicants: Died, 2; present number, 88.

Marriage, 1; burials, 2.

Divine Service: Sundays, 90.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 38.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,500; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 200. Rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$417 37
For the poor	10 00
Sunday-school purposes	75 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc	15 25
Total	$517 62

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$7 00
Missionary Fund	16 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	3 10
Total	$26 10
Gross amount	$543 72

Grace Church, Cherry Valley, Otsego Couty.

The Rev. D. L. Schwartz, Rector.

Henry Roseboom, Joseph Phelon, Church Wardens.

A. B. Cox, Sr., A. B. Cox, Jr., Chas. McLean, Chas. Wilkins, A. L. Swan, H. H. Davy, Geo. Neal, Vestrymen.

Families, 110; comprising 383 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 8; infants, 13. Total, 21.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 1. Total, 16.

Communicants: Admitted, 7; received from other parshes, 2; removed, 1; died, 2; present number, 116.

Marriages, 3; burials, 8.

Divine Service: Sundays, 139; holy days, 33; other days, 4. Total, 184.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 14; number of children taught, 84.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 12; number of pupils, 84.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,500; condition, good.

Other property, $900.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,649 01
For the poor	35 00
Sunday-school purposes	65 00
Total	$1,749 01

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$16 00
Salary of the Bishop	25 00
Missionary Fund	66 60
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	12 50
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	7 22
Total	$127 32

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$61 15
Foreign Committee	7 35
Total	$68 50
General Theological Seminary	13 83
Total	$82 33

Miscellaneous.

Increase of Ministry	$25 00
Mite chests	8 00
Home and abroad	10 00
Total	$43 00
Gross amount	$2,001 66

Christ Church, Cooperstown, Otsego County.

The Rev. David Hillhouse Buel, Rector.

Henry Scott, Samuel Nelson, Church Wardens.

William H. Averell, W. A. Comstock, George W. Ernst, Horace M. Hooker, G. Pomeroy Keese, A. A. Jarvis, J. P. Sill, J. R. Worthington, Vestrymen.

Families, 102; individuals, 455.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 6. Total, 9.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 19; private, 2. Total, 21.

Communicants: Present number, 170.

Marriages, 6; burials, 21.

Divine Service: Sundays, twice; holy days, all; Lent, daily; other days, every Friday.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 160.

Parish Institutions.

For Orphans; The Diocesan Orphan House of the Holy Saviour is located here.

For Sick: Thanksgiving Hospital, supported by churchmen in union with other christians; number of inmates, usually about 10.

For Poor: A Sewing School, and a Charity House where homes are given, rent free, to several poor families.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,000.

Other property, the chapel and the charity house.

Number of sittings in the church, 460; rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,300.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,802 14
For the poor	348 67
Sunday-school purposes	134 25
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	148 81
Introducing gas into chapel	81 00
Total	$2,514 87

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$26 00
Salary of the Bishop	75 00
Missionary Fund	253 75
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	9 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	17 81

Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	$17 81
Orphan House of the Holy Saviour	1,037 00
Student at Annandale	100 00
S. John's, Portlandville	65 00
Total	$1,601 37

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$236 00
Foreign Committee	50 00
H. Mission to C. People	50 00
Total	$336 00
S. S. missionary offerings	141 00
Special missionary offerings	241 02
Midnight mission	20 00
Total	$738 02

Miscellaneous.

New York Bible and Prayer-Book Society	$6 00
Box of clothing sent to South, estimated at	245 00
Total	$251 00
Gross amount	$5,105 26

Zion Church, Morris, Otsego County.

The Rev. Thomas H. Cullen, Rector elect.

Norris Gilbert, A. B. Pearsall, Church Wardens.

Isaac Mansfield, James E. Cook, Russell Leonard, A. G. Moore, G. A. Yates, Francis Harrington, J. Rutherford Morris, William R. Brooks, Vestrymen.

Families, 150; comprising about 640 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 5; infants, 7. Total, 12.

Confirmed, 9.

Communicants: Present number, 250.

Marriages, 6.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 25; number of pupils, 150.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $17,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated value, $3,000; condition, good.

Other property (Morris Memorial Chapel, $5,000; bonds, etc., $1,000), $6,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 500; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,119 18
For the poor	49 27
Sunday-school purposes	10 60
Total	$1,179 05

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$117 61
Salary of the Bishop	50 00
Missionary Fund, Convocation of the Susquehanna	17 55
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	9 12
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	18 17
Total	$212 45

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$13 50

Miscellaneous.

Rebuilding and furnishing church	$1,768 39
Gross amount	$3,173 39

Remarks.

The parish library recently received a donation of valuable books, consisting of three commentaries and many other useful works.

S. Mark's Mission, Garrattsville, Otsego County.

The Rev. Joel Davis, Missionary.
Ellis Gross, Church Warden.
Asa B. Chase, Treasurer.
Isaac Gledhill, Clerk.
Families, about 20; comprising 54 individuals. Total baptized persons, 23.
Baptisms: Adults, 6.
Six awaiting confirmation.
Communicants: Admitted, 6; present number, 22.
Marriage, 1.
Divine Service: Sundays, 25.
Catechism: Number of times openly taught, 10; number of children, 25.
Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 25.
No church.
Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $100; amount of salary paid, $130.

Offerings and Contributions.

Current expenses (including salary)	$153 00
Sunday-school purposes	8 00
Diocesan Fund	2 45
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	10 00
Gross amount	$179 70

Beside this, the Ladies' Aid Society have now on hand over $100, which is intended to be used toward building a church.

This mission is in a very thriving condition. At present, we hold our services in a school-house, having been excluded from the Methodist meeting house in which we formerly worshiped. I think we may confidently expect that the time is not far distant when there will be a church in Garrattsville, for a more noble and faithful band of workers cannot be found.

S. Agnes' Mission, Schenevus, Otsego County.

The Rev. A. H. Stubbs, Missionary.

Timothy Parsons, Warden.

O. D. Ball, Clerk.

P. Brown, Treasurer.

Families, 10; comprising 40 individuals. Total baptized persons, 13.

Baptisms: Adults, 1; infant, 1. Total, 2.

Confirmed: No visitation, 4 candidates.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 5.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parishes, 2; present number, 8.

Divine Service: Sundays, 20.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 5; number of children taught, 5.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 5.

Parish Property.

Vestments, $25.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $50; arrears of lary, $25.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

ırrent expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$50 00
›r the Poor	1 00
ınday-school purposes	1 00
ırish Institutions, Missions, etc.	1 00
Total	$53 00

Diocesan.

iocesan Fund	$1 00
ıdowment of Episcopate	1 00
ılary of the Bishop	1 00
issionary Fund	1 00
ble and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	1 00
ınd for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 00
ınd for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	1 00
›ciety for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 00
Total	$8 00

General.

Board of Missions:

omestic Committee	$1 00
›reign Committee	1 00
. Mission to C. People	1 00
Total	$3 00
ɜneral Theological Seminary	1 00
ıurch Book Society	1 00
Total	$5 00
Gross amount	$66 00

Remarks.

Services have been held partly in the Baptist, and partly in the Methodist place of worship. Congregations are on the increase, and indifference and prejudice are somewhat abated. The Mission was organized, according to provisions of Canon XVI of the Diocese, on the 28th of November last, and the experiment works well so far.

S. John's Church, Richfield Springs, Otsego Co.

The Rev. J. R. Peirce, Rector.

I entered upon the rectorship of this parish, May 15th, after a vacancy of several months, during which time the church was closed, services intermitted, and the Sunday-school completely disorganized. In consequence of the absence of the necessary data, no proper report can be presented at this time. Services have been held on every Sunday (with one exception, when I was necessarily absent from town) morning and evening, and on All Saints Days. The Holy Communion administered six times, and during the months of July, August and September, Morning Prayer said daily, with an attendance averaging more than forty persons. I have also officiated at one burial.

In addition to the above, I have officiated every Sunday afternoon in S. Luke's Church, Richfield.

Another year I hope to be able to present a more full and satisfactory report.

Immanuel Church, Otego, Otsego County.

The Rev. John V. Hughes, Rector.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 3. Total, 5.

Confirmed, 4.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; *private*, 2. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; removed, 4; present number, 40.

Marriages, 2; burials, 8.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 2; other days, 1. Total, 107.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 2.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $8,000.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$500 00

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$12 50
Missionary Fund	16 90
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	2 50
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	5 00
Total	$36 90
Gross amount	$536 90

Remarks.

Amount spent in the parish for its own benefit:

1. A new bell, $450; paid.
2. Building sheds, $200; paid.
3. A new organ, $300; paid.
4. A new fence in front of the church, $70; paid.

S. James' Mission, Oneonta, Otsego County.

The Rev. Lewis H. Lighthipe, Missionary.
John Cope, Church Warden.
James Cope, Clerk.
Dr. Meigs Case, Treasurer.

Families, 19; comprising 65 individuals. Total baptized persons, 39.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 2. Total, 4.

Confirmed, 1.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 2.

Communicants: Present number, 25.

Divine Service: Sundays, 27.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 20.

Parish Property.

Amount of salary pledged to the Bishop for support of Missionary, $200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Sunday-school purposes	$3 37

Remarks.

The Missionary commenced his labors here on April 1st; his report, therefore, is only from that time. He has held services on every other Sunday—morning and afternoon. The congregation worship in a public hall. A church building is very much needed; but the congregation is small, and not able to build at present. A lot has been promised, whenever the congregation is ready to build. No services had been held in the village for the year previous to April 1st. The Mission was organized, according to the Canons of the Diocese, in April.

Christ Church, West Burlington, Otsego County.

The Rev. Joel Davis, Missionary.

Truman Moss, Thomas Hickling, Church Wardens.

H. W. Cummings, Solomon Anderson, Henry W. Gage, J. B. Taylor, Clark Piersons, Orville H. Fitch, Jacob Rice, Vestrymen.

Families, 20; comprising about 73 individuals.

Baptism: Infant, 1.

Two candidates awaiting confirmation.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 6.

Communicants: Admitted, 1; present number, 39.

Marriages, 7; burials, 2, not communicants.

Divine Service: Sundays, 50; holy days, 4; Lent, 2. Total, 56.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 30.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 4: number of pupils, 30.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, good.

Other property, organ and surplice.

Number of sittings in the church, 224; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $100; arrears of salary, $50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$84 47
Sunday-school purposes	18 50
Total	$102 97

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$2 73
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	10 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 00
For Orphan House, Cooperstown	2 75
Total	$24 73

Miscellaneous.

Stove and fixtures	$119 73
Organ stool	5 00
For prayer-book	4 00
For lamps	8 00
Total	$136 73
Gross amount	$264 43

Remarks.

Through the kindness and liberality of the senior warden, a very comfortable house has been purchased, and, I am informed, deeded to the trustees of the church, as a rectory, although the property has not as yet formally been transferred as church property.

A very beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures has been presented to the church, from the Sunday-school of Christ Church, Cooperstown.

S. John's Church, Portlandville, Otsego County.

The Rev. A. H. Stubbs, Rector; George Somers, Esq., Lay Reader.

Geo. A. Somers, Samuel Denison, Church Wardens.

R. M. Townsend, Joseph Lowe, Wm. C. Gould, James Cronkite, Hiram C. Cline, Vestrymen.

Families, 21; comprising 40 individuals. Total baptized persons, 35.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 2. Total, 4.

Confirmed, 2.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 11; private, 1. Total, 12.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parishes, 1; removed, 2; suspended, 1; present number, 22.

Divine Service: Sundays, 31; lay, 64; holy days, 9; Lent, 13; other days, 3. Total, clerical, 56; lay, 64.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 10; number of children taught, 15.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,275; condition, good.

Other property, vestments, etc., $150.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $100; arrears of salary, $100.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses	$276 92
For the poor	1 00
Sunday-school purposes	1 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc	1 00
Total	$279 92

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$1 50
Endowment of Episcopate	1 00
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	10 00

Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	$1 40
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	1 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 50
Total	$23 65

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$1 00
Foreign Committee	1 00
H. Mission to C. People	1 00
Total	$3 00
General Theological Seminary	1 00
Church Book Society	1 00
Total	$5 00

Miscellaneous.

Mission to Jews	$0 50
Student at Anandale	4 12
Total	$4 62
Gross amount	$313 19

Remarks.

By God's blessing and the liberality of Christ Church, Cooperstown, subscriptions and pledges were obtained, during the past conventional year, to supply the great need of this parish, viz., relief from indebtedness. The building was accordingly consecrated on the 13th day of August last. George Somers, Esq., still renders acceptable and effective services as lay reader.

S. Agatha's Mission, Laurens, Otsego County.

The Rev. A. H. Stubbs, Missionary.
Delos W. Dean, Church Warden.
Le Roy Tucker, Clerk.
W. H. Peck, Treasurer.

Families, 10; comprising 40 individuals. Total baptized persons, 30.

Confirmed: No visitation.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 1.

Communicants, 23.

Divine Service: Sundays, 20.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 5; number of children taught, 5.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 5.

Parish Property.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $50; arrears of salary, $50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1 00
For the poor	1 00
Sunday-school purposes	1 00
Parish Institutions, Missions, etc.	1 00
Total	$4 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$1 00
Endowment of Episcopate	1 00
Salary of Bishop	1 00
Missionary Fund	1 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	1 00

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$1 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	1 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 00
Total	$8 00

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$1 00
Foreign Committee	1 00
H. Mis. to C. People	1 00
Total	$3 00
General Theological Seminary	1 00
Church Book Society	1 00
Total	$5 00
Gross amount	$17 00

Remarks.

The Episcopal consent to the organization of S. Agatha's Mission, Laurens, bears date of the thirteenth day of August. It consists of members once attached to Zion Church, Morris. Served by a priest who has three other stations, it labors under great disadvantages, for the missionary has more miles to travel than he can well attend to, and over roads and hills rendered impassible by winter, or even summer storms. Services are held in the Methodist chapel, every other Sunday, alternating with S. John's, Portlandville.

S. Timothy's Church, Westford, Otsego County.

The Rev. A. H. Stubbs, Rector; Messrs. D. N. Allen, W. Allen and Theodore Snyder, Lay Readers.

Andrew Snyder, David Kelso, Church Wardens.

Daniel Nash Allen, Theodore Snyder, Whiting Allen and Nathan Bidlake, Vestrymen.

Families, 10; comprising 50 individuals, Total baptized persons, 35.

Confirmed: No visitation; 4 candidates.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 8; private, 1. Total, 9.

Communicants: Present number, 31.

Divine Service: Sundays, 31; holy days, 4; Lent, 5. Total, clerical, 36; lay, 20—56.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 10; number of children taught, 7.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 7.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, improved.

Other property, $250.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $100; arrears of salary, $100.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$10 00
For the poor	1 00
Sunday-school purposes	1 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc	1 00
Total	$13 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$1 00
Endowment of Episcopate	1 00

Salary of the Bishop	$6 25
Missionary Fund	1 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and and vicinity	1 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	1 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 00
Total	$13 25

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$1 00
Foreign Committee	1 00
H. Mission to C. People	1 00
Total	$3 00
General Theological Seminary	1 00
Church Book Society	1 00
Total	$5 00

Miscellaneous.

Communion service	$10 00
Alms basin	3 00
Total	$13 00
Gross amount	$44 25

Remarks.

The church building, during our civil war, in absence of church wardens, was used by the military for an armory and drill room. In consequence thereof its walls and furniture

became broken and defaced. Repairs have been going on, and are not yet completed. The congregation is anything but wealthy, and new seats are still to be procured. The feeble and struggling flock, however, look hopefully forward to the time when a kind providence shall open the way for complete renovation of building and parish. God grant it be not far distant. The very acceptable lay readers attached to this parish are still pursuing their studies at S. Stephen's, Anandale.

S. Mark's Church, Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. George Huntington Nicholls, Rector.

Salmon Moses, J. Russell Parsons, Church Wardens.

Walter A. Wood, John Hobart Warren, John G. Darroch, Isaac Allen, Smith A. Skinner, Henry De C. Hanners, Jas. K. Hull, A. C. Geer, Vestrymen.

Families, 42.

Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 18. Total, 27.

Confirmed, 13.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16; private, 2. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 14; received from other parishes, 1; removed, 9; died, 2; present number, 64.

Burials, 6.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, monthly.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 60.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $12,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 220; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$2,577 00
For the poor	50 00
Sunday-school purposes	165 00
Total	$2,792 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$20 00
Salary of the Bishop	25 00
Missionary Fund	100 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	25 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	16 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	20 00
Total	$206 00

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$25 00
Foreign Committee	10 00
Total	$35 00

Miscellaneous.

Convocation	$7 42
Nashotah	27 00
S. Luke's, Cambridge	134 00
Midnight Mission, New York	50 00
Miscellaneous benefactions	476 00
Total	$694 42
Gross amount	$3,727 42

hurch of the Messiah, Greenbush, Rensselaer Co.

The Rev. Lewis P. Clover, D.D., Rector.

William P. Irwin, F. B. Parmele, M.D., Church Wardens.

John Ruyter, Nicholas Hotaling, Thomas Hatcher, Henry nch, Stephen Miles, William R. Slocum, Peter Sheppard, elly Atwood, Vestrymen.

Families, 45; comprising 164 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 9. Total, 12.

Confirmed, 5.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 12; ivate, 6. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 8; received from other parıes, 10; removed, 2; present number, 64.

Marriages, 4; burials, 7.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 3; Lent, 15. ɔtal, 118.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 16; number of ıpils, 75.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; rented or free? nted and free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

ırrent expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,358 00
ɔr the poor	65 13
Total	$1,423 13

Diocesan.

iocesan Fund	$7 20
issionary Fund	54 00
Total	$61 20

Miscellaneous.

Troy Convocation	$7 00
American Church Missions	10 00
Total	$17 00
Gross amount	$1,501 33

Remarks.

The rector found it necessary, for the comfort and convenience of his family, to remove to Albany in the month of March last. He proposed, upon his removal, to resign the rectorship of the parish; but, by unanimous request of the vestry, still retains charge.

The parochial report from this parish to the Convention of last year showed an indebtedness of $3,000—$1,500 on the church, and the same amount on the parsonage, then in process of erection. It was deemed for the best interests of the parish to sell the parsonage, and thereby cancel the entire debt. This has been done, and the church is now in a better condition, pecuniarily, than ever before.

The missionary stipend has been relinquished, and the hope is entertained that members of the parish will, with a commendable spirit, strive to attain the measure of duty in contributing liberally to the support of diocesan and other church institutions.

Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. Byron J. Hall, Rector.

John Holme, Dr. F. B. Leonard, Church Wardens.

Dr. S. P. Welsh, H. W. Day, P. B. King, Jas. McQuide, W. R. Barton, Vestrymen.

Families, 160; comprising 350 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 6; infants, 16. Total, 22.

Confirmed, 13.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 2. Total, 17.

Communicants: Admitted, 11; died, 3; present number, 165.

Marriages, 11; burials, 10.

Divine Service: Sundays, 96; holy days, 4; Lent, 30. Total, 130.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 10; number of children taught, 125.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 17; number of pupils, 140.

Parish Property.

Chapel and lot, estimated worth, $5,000.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $8,000.

Other property, stone church, unfinished.

Number of sittings in the chapel, 240; rented or free? free.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$2,300 00
For the poor	150 00
Total	$2,450 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$58 70
Gross amount	$2,508 70

Remarks.

During the year the parish and congregation of Trinity Church, Lansingburgh, have expended about $25,000 in building a stone church, which, when finished, as contemplated, will cost about $40,000. The sum of $15,000 will be necessary to finish the church. The Rector and his people are now engaged in raising funds, and have great reason

to be encouraged. May the Great Head of the Church continue to bless us, and enable us to finish what we have begun, to the glory and honor of His great and Holy Name.

Trinity Church, Schaghticoke (Hart's Falls), Rensselaer County.

The Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker, Rector.

Tibbits Briggs, O. A. Arnold, Church Wardens.

Joseph F. Knickerbacker, Thomas L. Doremus, John H. Searles, George Catlin, Frank J. Lawrence, E. B. Arnold, Dr. J. R. Hinds, J. E. Butts, Vestrymen.

Families, 23; comprising 96 individuals. Total baptized persons, 91.

Baptisms: Adult, 12; infants, 18. Total, 30.

Confirmed, 23.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 3.

Communicants: Admitted, 25; received from other parishes, 7; removed, 2; present number, 38.

Marriage, 1.

Divine Service: Sundays, 31; holy days, 7; other days, 3. Total, 35.

Parish Property.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$337 68

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$10 00
Salary of the Bishop	5 00
Total	$15 00
Gross amount	$352 68

Remarks.

The Rector maintains services at this parish on every other Sunday. He is assisted by a lay reader and by occasional assistance from the neighboring clergy. The parish presents every sign of encouragement. We still hire the Methodist house of worship, but hope, ere long, to be in possession of a neat chapel of our own. The offerings are used to defray current expenses. A Sunday-school will shortly be organized.

I have held one service at Crandall's Corners, and an earnest desire has been expressed for more services. At Johnsonville the Rev. Rector of S. Paul's Church, Troy, held one service for me. I hope to be able to give occasional services at both these points.

S. John's Church, and Free Chapel, Ida Hill, Troy, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. George Herbert Walsh, Rector.

Francis N. Mann, Norman B. Squires, Church Wardens.

George Babcock, T. A. Tillinghast, W. A. Shepard, W. A. Thompson, C. E. Dudley Tibbits, B. H. Hall, J. B. Wilkinson, Charles A. McLeod, Vestrymen.

Families, 170.

Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 23. Total, 30.

Confirmed, 33.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 12; private, 3. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 33; died, 2; present number, 345.

Marriages, 14; burials, 9.

Divine Service: Sundays, 138; Lent, 24; other days, 47; Total, 209.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 30; number of pupils, about 350.

Parish Institutions.

See Journal of Convention of 1869.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$4,675 00
For the poor	366 07
Sunday-school purposes	280 46
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	520 00
Mothers' Meeting and Ministers' Aid Society	87 00
Total	$5,928 53

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$50 00
Salary of the Bishop	250 00
Missionary Fund	134 09
Special within the Diocese	160 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	31 15
Special donations outside of the Diocese	261 00
S. Luke's, Troy	266 00
Church Home, Troy, about	300 00
S. John's Sunday-school, about	400 00
Total	$1,852 24

General.

Board of Missions:

Foreign Committee	$105 00

Miscellaneous.

Church decorations	$3,596 71
Rensselaer County Bible Society	50 00
Griswold College	355 00
American Church Missionary Society	100 00

idnight Mission, New York	$60 00
ociety for Increase of Ministry	101 00
or sundries	69 80
Total	$4,332 51
Gross amount	$12,218 28

Remarks.

During the past winter, a Ministers' Aid Society was ·ganized by the ladies, and several boxes of clothing and her household articles have been prepared and sent to issionaries of the Diocese and elsewhere.

A Mothers' Meeting was held in the Chapel every week rough the winter and spring, and has been attended with e most happy results.

A chime of eleven bells has been donated by members of e parish and the Sunday-school children, and rang out its yful peal for the first time, on Sunday, the 11th of Sepmber.

S. John's Mission, Ida Hill, still prospers. The church ›w being erected for the same will soon be completed and ady for consecration some time during the present autumn.

Mr. Thomas A. Tillinghast has rendered most acceptable rvice as lay reader during the greater part of the year.

Christ Church, Troy, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. Joseph N. Mulford, Rector

George B. Smith, Charles W. Moseley, Church Wardens.

Jacob Jacobs, William Kemp, Charles Cleminshaw, Chas. . Stannard, Otis N. Crandell, George W. Oliver, Edward Searle, Rufus Lape, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 8. Total, 10.

Confirmed, 9.

Holy Communion; Number of public celebrations, 19; private, 2. Total, 21.

Communicants: Admitted, 9; received from other parishes, 2; died, 2: present number, 152.

Marriages, 11; burials, 7.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days and Lent, 25; other days, 9. Total, 138.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 200.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $50,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $10,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 600; rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$3,000 00
For the poor	115 41
Sunday-school purposes	210 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc	60 00
Total	$3,385 41

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$32 00
Salary of the Bishop	125 00
Missionary Fund	173 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	25 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	25 00
Total	$390 00

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Missions	$25 00
Foreign Missions	15 00
Total	$40 00

Miscellaneous.

Education of young men for the ministry	$20 00
Church at Ticonderoga	25 00
Midnight Mission	9 00
Evangelical Knowledge Society	25 00
Total	$79 00
Gross amount	$3,894 41

S. Luke's Church, Troy, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. E. Solliday Widdemer, Rector.

Frederick K. Stow, William Shattuck, Church Wardens.

N. B. Squires, James M. Hawley, Henry Evans, Peter Thalimer, J. W. Fuller, Charles Davis, Frederick Shattuck, Charles W. Tillinghast, Vestrymen.

Families, 70.

Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 20. Total, 29.

Confirmed, 30.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 12.

Communicants: Died, 1; present number, 130.

Marriages, 3; burials, 13.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 24; number of children taught, 60.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 29; number of pupils, 150.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $23,000; condition, no debt.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, owe $4,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 500; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,556 00
For the poor	54 00
Sunday-school purposes	421 04
Total	$2,031 04

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$15 00
Salary of the Bishop	10 00
Missionary Fund	20 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 00
Total	$55 00
Gross amount	$2,086 04

Remarks.

I have resigned the rectorship of S. Luke's Church, Troy, to take effect November 1, 1870. I held the first morning service in Mechanic Hall, Iron Works, on Sunday, October 21, 1866. The parish of S. Luke's was organized November 23d following, with twenty-two communicants. Since its organization, I have baptized twenty-six adults, and one hundred and four infants. Total, one hundred and thirty. We have had ninety confirmed.

S. Paul's Church, Troy, Rensselaer County.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Rector.

The Rev. Eliphalet N. Potter, D.D., Associate Rector.

Jonas C. Heartt, Joseph M. Warren, Church Wardens.

Uri Gilbert, Joseph W. Fuller, James Forsyth, Willard Gay, Joseph J. Tillinghast, John Hobart Warren, John J. Thompson, Peter Thalimer, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adults, 8; infants, 54. Total, 62.

Confirmed, 42.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15.

Communicants: Died, 11; present number, 408.

Marriages, 21; burials, 25.

Divine Service: Sundays, 156; Lent, 58; other days, 46. Total, 260.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, monthly; number of children taught, 350.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 35; officers, 6; number of pupils, average 300.

Parish Institution.

For poor: Church Home, in common with the other churches.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, including chapel, estimated worth, $75,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good.

Other property, bequests, $15,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 1,200; rented or free? both.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $5,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$10,000 00
For the poor	589 52
Sunday-school offerings	800 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc	700 00
Total	$12,089 52

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$115 00
Salary of the Bishop	375 00
Missionary Fund	461 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	25 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	64 00
Total	$1,040 50

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$200 00
Foreign Committee	167 50
H. Mission to C. People	41 00
General Theological Seminary	125 00
Total	$533 50

Miscellaneous.

Candidates for the ministry	$188 00
Parish School Fund, bequest	2,500 00
Bequest to the Church Home	2,500 00
Contributions to Church Home	800 00
General church purposes	544 00
The new chapel	20,000 00
Total	$26,532 00
Gross amount	$40,195 52

Remarks.

The chapel, which was begun last year, has been finished this year, at an additional cost of twenty thousand dollars. It is intended for a parish school, a Sunday-school, and for week-day services. It is one of the most beautiful, as well as convenient, of buildings of its class; and reflects great credit upon the skill which erected it, and the liberality which paid for it. All its debts are paid.

A gentleman of the parish, Franklin W. Farnham, Esq., has erected, on Ida Hill, a church to be called The Free Church of the Ascension. It is one of the most substantial (of stone), as well as elegant, churches in the Diocese; and must have cost its munificent donor not less than forty-five thousand dollars. When we remember it is to be a free church, too much praise can hardly be given to such churchly consideration and eminent christian benevolence.

A parish mission (now under the special charge of the Rev. Dr. Potter) has been commenced in Rensselaer street, in North Troy. It is much needed in a neighborhood fast becoming populous. With Dr. Potter's able assistants, in the Sunday-school and district visiting, I doubt not it will become highly successful.

A silver communion service was presented to the parish, at Easter, for mission and chapel use, as a memorial to the late Bishop Alonzo Potter, once connected with S. Paul's. Also a Bible and prayer-books, for the chancel of the mission house, from young ladies in the Troy Willard Seminary.

The value of these gifts in money, and other charities, which did not pass through my hands, would swell our sum total very considerably.

The mortality among the communicants is unusual. One of them was in her hundredth year.

Grace Church, Waterford, Saratoga County.

The Rev. George W. Ferguson, Rector.
James Holroyd, John Higgins, Church Wardens.

Robert Tunnard, Thomas Breslin, Jos. B. Enos, Tunis Waldron, Stephen Titcomb, John Titcomb, George Northrup, Jos. Harriman, Vestrymen.

Families, 112; comprising about 300 individuals. Total baptized persons, about 175.

Baptisms: Adults, 9; infants, 10. Total, 19.

Confirmed, 13.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16; private, 3. Total, 19.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parishes, 4; removed, 9; died, 3; present number, 110.

Marriages, 5; burials, 9.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 12; Lent, 30; other days, 8. Total, 154.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $14,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, fair.

Other property, in leases, $3,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, $4,000.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000 and rectory.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,972 29
For the poor	49 92
Sunday-school purposes	68 34
Total	$2,090 55

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$43 00
Missionary Fund	38 50
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	5 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 25
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	2 50
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	7 40
Total	$98 65

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$36 00

Miscellaneous.

Theological education	$56 36
For Altar Fund	2 00
For Faribault	20 83
Christmas Books	18 45
Paid on debt	162 00
Total	$259 64
Gross amount	$2,484 84

Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, Saratoga County.

The Rev. Francis C. Wainwright, Rector.

Daniel K. Smith, William Wheeler, Church Wardens.

Gad Smith, James P. Smith, Calvin Wheeler, William H. Wheeler, John Wheeler, Ferris H. Sears, Ebenezer R. Jones, James E. Davis, Vestrymen.

Families, 22; comprising 100 individuals.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 12.

Communicants: Present number, 45.

Divine Service: Sundays, 52; holy days, 4; Lent, 9. Total, 65.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 2; number of children taught, 36.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 36.

Parish Property.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$355 52
For the poor	37 89
Sunday-school purposes	53 44
Total	$446 85

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$10 00
Missionary Fund	23 97
Total	$33 97

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$5 67
Gross amount	$486 49

Remarks.

The parish was under my care, temporarily, from the time of the last Convention until the 1st of May, 1870, when the Rev. James H. Tyng accepted the rectorship, and resigned after three months service. I was elected to the

rectorship on S. Bartholomew's Day, and entered upon the charge of the parish on the following Sunday. This report does not in all respects fairly represent the condition of the parish, as it was impossible to obtain correct information concerning some items. The parish is in as good a condition as at the last Convention, and, while it has not gained, it has, at the same time, not lost, which, owing to the changes which have occurred, is a gratifying assurance of the stability of the parishioners.

S. Luke's Church, Mechanicville, Saratoga County.

The Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker, Officiating Minister.

William A. Tyler, Wm. Tibbitts, M.D., Church Wardens.

N. H. Ballou, M.D., Wm. C. Tallmadge, John Cassedy, William Adams, Joseph F. Knickerbacker, E. A. Buckhout, Philip Kirwood, Samuel Vaughn, Vestrymen.

Families, 28; comprising 111 individuals. Total baptized persons, 94.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 7. Total, 8.

Confirmed, 7.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 25; private, 3. Total, 28.

Communicants: Admitted, 2: received from other parishes, 3; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 40.

Burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 84; holy days, 20; Lent, 7; other days, 11. Total, 122.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 36.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, good.

Other property, Mancius' endowment, $50 per annum.

Number of sittings in the church, 150; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, about $200.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $300; arrears of salary, $48.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$507 63
Sunday-school purposes	23 19
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	20 00
Total	$550 82

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$13 50
Endowment of Episcopate	6 40
Salary of the Bishop	18 75
Missionary Fund	34 72
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	2 11
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	2 00
Society for promoting religion and learning	5 00
Total	$85 48

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$4 78
Foreign Committee	2 00
H. Mission to C. People	1 00
General Theological Seminary	3 02
Church Book Society	2 00
Total	$12 80

Miscellaneous.

Indian Mission	$6 75
Nashotah	2 00
Santee Mission	2 00
Convocation	1 86
Total	$12 61
Gross amount	$661 31

Remarks.

The paucity of Lenten services, in the above report, is due to the illness of the rector at that season.

The rector has been obliged to turn a deaf ear to the repeated calls for services at Clifton Park. His hands are more than full with his three parishes.

Our village shows marked energy and improvement, and we hope, with the blessing of our dear Lord, to see an increase of church people in the population of the place.

Bethesda Church, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co.

The Rev. Norman W. Camp, D.D., Rector.

H. W. Merrill, W. H. Walton, Church Wardens.

J. M. Marvin, Charles H. Hulbert, L. B. Putnam, F. D. Wheeler, Jr., W. R. Johnson, J. G. Cooke, M. J. Jennings, Vestrymen.

Families, 168; comprising 673 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 18; infants, 59. Total, 77.

Confirmed, 52.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 50; private, 10. Total, 60.

Communicants: Admitted, 47; removed, 1; died, 4; present number, 305.

Marriages, 15; burials, 21.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 30; Lent, 66; other days, 125. Total, 325.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, about 175.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 22; number of pupils, about 175.

Parish Institutions.

For orphans, aged, sick and poor: Number of inmates during the year, 10.

Mission Sunday-school at the Home of the Good Shepherd: Number of teachers, 9; number of scholars, 51.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $40,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $8,000; condition, good.

Other property, $500 (stocks).

Number of sittings in the church, about 600; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, $5,290.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$3,038 79
For the poor	225 37
Sunday-school purposes	124 50
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	225 00
Total	$3,613 66

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$31 25
Missionary Fund	76 73

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	$18 03
Theological Education (S. Stephens', Annandale)	18 18
Total	$144 19

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$32 50
For S. Andrews' Church and Sunday-school, at Jackson, Miss.	91 36
Total	$123 86
Gross amount	$3,881 71

S. Stephens' Church, Schuylerville, Saratoga Co.

The Rev. George Walker, Missionary.

Charles H. Payn, only remaining member of the last vestry elected, which was in April, 1850.

Families, 23; comprising 88 individuals. Total baptized persons, 88.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 8. Total, 10.

Confirmed, 13.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 30.

Communicants: Admitted, 9; received from other parishes, 1; present number, 24.

Burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 12; Lent, 26. Total, 142.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 32.

Parish school: Paid or free? paid; one teacher.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $15,000; condition, new and in the best order.

Other property: School-house, $2,200.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$442 25

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$6 65
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	7 09
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	10 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	3 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	2 00
Total	$34 99

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$33 25
Foreign Committee	2 00
H. Mission to C. People	3 00
Total	$38 25

Miscellaneous.

Offertory from Sunday-school for Nashotah	$3 00
Sioux Mission	4 00
Total	$7 00
Gross amount	$522 49

Remarks.

I took charge of this mission on Whit Sunday, but have reported for the whole conventional year.

The parish school will be re-opened on October 1st, under the care of an experienced teacher.

I hope, in a few weeks, to hold services at Union Village, five miles east of Schuylerville.

Our congregation, in this place, is increasing, thank God.

S. Paul's Church, Charlton, Saratoga County.

The Rev. Francis C. Wainright, Rector.

Matthew Valentine, Robert O. Davis, Church Wardens.

Ammi Dow, Joseph Valentine, Frederick Curtis, Lorenzo Taylor, John Hays, Marvin E. Myers, William T. Birdsall, Orin Smith, Vestrymen.

Families, 42; comprising 120 individuals.

Baptisms: Infants, 3.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 12.

Communicants: Died 3; present number, 32.

Burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 52; holy days, 2; Lent, 4. Total, 58.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 2; number of children taught, 20.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 20.

Parish Property.

Trinity Fund, $800.

Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$465 00
For the Poor	29 20
Total	$494 20

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$11 84
Missionary Fund	10 59
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	4 75
Total	$27 18
Gross amount	$521 38

Remarks.

I took charge of this parish after the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Weil, in January, 1870, and remained in charge until May 1st, when the Rev. James H. Tyng accepted a call to the rectorship in connection with Calvary Church, Burnt Hills, resigning it after three months service. I was elected to the rectorship on S. Bartholomew's Day, and entered upon the charge of the parish the following Sunday. The parish has decreased by death and removal very materially, as well on account of the change in the rectorship; but there is reason to hope that there may be some increase, and there is a nucleus of strong church feeling which has enabled the parish to hold its own under most discouraging circumstances.

Christ Church, Ballston Spa, Saratoga County.

The Rev. Joseph Carey, Rector.

James W. Horton, Wheeler K. Booth, Church Wardens.

S. B. Medbery, John Richards, William Smith, John H. Westcott, B. F. Baker, Nathaniel Mann, Seth Whalen, E. H. Chapman, Vestrymen.

Families, 112; comprising about 437 individuals. Total baptized persons, 446.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 33. Total, 35.

Confirmed, 22.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 18; private, 2. Total, 20.

Communicants: Admitted, 21; received from other parishes, 4; removed, 5; died, 1; present number, 204.

Marriages, 5; burials, 12.

Divine Service: Sundays, 138; holy days, 20; Lent, 32; other days, 94. Total, 284.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 14; number of children taught, 140.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 18; number of pupils, 130.

Parish school: Paid or free? partly paid, partly free; number of teachers, 2. Pupils—boys, 45; girls, 33. Total, 78.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $20,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated value, $5,000; condition, fair.

Number of sittings in the church, 275; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, $200.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200, with rectory; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including rector's and other salaries, etc.)	$1,709 54
For the poor	209 65
Sunday-school purposes	99 76
Parish institution: Chapel Fund	562 00
Liquidation of parish indebtedness	350 00
Repairs on parsonage	112 21
Total	$3,043 16

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$42 00
Salary of the Bishop	38 00
Missionary Fund	63 18
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	17 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	20 30
Troy Convocation	25 28
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	17 25
Total	$223 01

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$41 41

Miscellaneous.

Theological students	$16 00
Gross amount	$3,323 58

Remarks.

The mission services in the eighth and ninth school districts, West Milton, have been regularly held throughout the year, with gratifying results. Already there have been several baptisms. Occasional services have also been given at other points.

The parish manifests a steady growth, as the statistics indicate, through the mercy and blessing of the Great Head of the Church.

A Latin class has been established in the parish school, by the rector, to meet the wants of more advanced pupils. The tuition-money is devoted to the formation of a library for the school.

S. John's Church, Stillwater, Saratoga County.

The Rev. Wm. Bogert Walker, Rector.

J. Forsyth, H. C. Lockwood, Church Wardens.

T. A. Tillinghast, Benj. H. Hall, C. W. Moseley, G. B. Warren, Jr., Thomas M. Tibbits, J. J. Tillinghast, Lewis Lyon, Vestrymen.

Families, 6; comprising 24 individuals. Total baptized persons, 20.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 6; private, 1. Total, 7.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; received from other parshes, 2; removed, 4; present number, 11.

Divine Service: Sundays, 50; holy days, 9; Lent, 3; other days, 1. Total, 63.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,200; condition, repairing greatly needed.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, needs repairing.

Other property, Mancius' endowment, $435 per annum; Livingston endowment, $15 per annum.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450; arrears of salary, $50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$504 94
For the poor	48
Total	$505 42

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$6 75
Endowment of Episcopate	1 21
Salary of the Bishop	2 77
Missionary Fund	5 31
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	40
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 14
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	91
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 14
Total	$19 63

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$0 75
Foreign Committee	51
H. Mission to C. People	42
Total	$1 68
General Theological Seminary	74
Church Book Society	43
Total	$2 85
Gross amount	$527 90

Remarks.

The rent of the parsonage (about $100 per annum) is used to defray the contingent expenses of the parish.

The rector thinks it fitting to record here the efficient service rendered him by a zealous layman of Mechanicville, in carrying him to and from Stillwater on each Sunday; and, also, by assistance given in Lay reading.

:orge's Church, Schenectady, Schenectady Co.

: Rev. Wm. Payne, D.D., Rector.
'am A. Van Vorst, Wm. N. Duane, Church Wardens.
/id Cady Smith, James R. Craig, Samuel W. Jackson,
lus Q. Carley, George G. Maxon, Jonas H. Crane,
H. Van Horne, William Sprague, Vestrymen.
ıilies, 180; comprising about 900 individuals.
ıtism: Adult, 1; infants, 27. Total, 28.
ıfirmed, 14.
y Communion: Number of public celebrations, 19;
:, 4. Total, 23.
nmunicants: Died, 8; present number, 240.
·riages, 21; burials, 24.
ine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 17; Lent, 38;
days, 40. Total, 199.
.day-school: Number of teachers, 22; number of
180.

Parish Property.

ırch and lot, estimated worth, $18,000; condition,

sonage and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition,

.er property, none.
nber of sittings in the church, 800; rented or free?

ount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,500; arrears
ıry, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

nt expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$2,570 67
ıe poor	187 67
.y-school purposes	170 00
'otal	$2,928 34

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$30 00
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	238 96
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and and vicinity	18 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	24 39
Society for the Increase of the Ministry	4 00
Total	$346 60

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee, including mite chests	$93 75
Foreign Committee	5 00
Total	$98 75

Miscellaneous.

Missionary box	$250 00
Schenectady Convocation	13 14
S. Mark's Mission at Salt Lake City	40 00
Church at Cambridge	10 00
For Sexton	30 00
Others	35 00
Total	$378 14
Gross amount	$3,751 83

Christ Church, Duanesburgh, Schenectady County.

The Rev. George L. Neide, Rector.

B. M. Duane, N. McDougall, Church Wardens.

Alex. McDougall, Ralph W. McDougall, J. D. Featherstonhaugh, Alex. Van Pelt, George Matthews, J. Wilkins, N. P. Allen, George Allen, Vestrymen.

Families, 65; comprising 287 individuals. Total baptized persons, 264.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 4. Total, 8.

Confirmed, 7.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16; private, 5. Total, 21.

Communicants: Admitted, 12; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 6; died, 3; present number, 73.

Marriages, 3; burials, 5.

Divine Service: Sundays, 74; holy days, 12; Lent, 12; other days, 14. Total, 112.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 15.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 10; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $5,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 250; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,200 00
For the poor	10 00
Sunday-school purposes	24 00
Total	$1,234 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$24 00
Salary of the Bishop	87 50

Missionary Fund	$86 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	8 00
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	25 00
Total	$230 50

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$11 00

Miscellaneous.

A church in Mississippi	$14 50
Gross amount	$1,490 00

Remarks.

Services are held every Lord's Day at a school-house near the village of Esperance, where we have also a flourishing Sunday-school.

Christ Church, Schenectady, Schenectady County.

No Rector.

J. D. Featherstonhaugh, Samuel T. Benedict, Church Wardens.

Peter Rowe, F. A. Duane, Gershom Banker, Walter Hurd, B. O'Connell, Livingston Elwood, R. T. Butler, Vestrymen.

Families, 22.

Baptism: infant, 1.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 1.

Communicants: Present number, 30.

Divine Service: Sundays, 4.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 16; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 180; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $2,000.

Remarks.

All the available means, by gifts, subscriptions, etc., are employed in paying the debts of the church.

Trinity Church, Sharon Springs, Schoharie County.

Organized under act of April 13, 1854.

The Rev. Edward T. Bartlett, Missionary.

Stephen C. Williams, N. Y., President.

George Plitt, Philadelphia, Secretary.

John H. Gardner, Sharon Springs, Treasurer.

Rev. R. S. Howland, D.D., N. Y., George C. Satterlee, N. Y., Isaac H. Reed, N. Y., Eugene H. Schieffelin, Board of Trustees.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 3. Total, 4.

Confirmed, 4.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 9.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 40.

Marriage, 3; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 101; holy days, 11; Lent, 17; other days, 36. Total, 165.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 18; number of children taught, about 100.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 138.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, very good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, 5,000; condition, very good.

Other property, Sunday-school Building Fund, $2,141; lot valued at $400.

Number of sittings in the church, 175. Rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $750; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,571 67
For the poor	118 21
Sunday-school purposes	157 84
Total	$1,847 72

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$35 00
Gross amount	$1,882 72

Remarks.

I took charge of this parish Nov. 21, 1869. This report covers the whole of the conventional year. I enclose the report of my predecessor, the Rev. John Irving Forbes, for the time he was in charge here.

EDWARD T. BARTLETT.

I resigned the charge of the church at Sharon Springs, on Oct. 25th, 1869, and was transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania immediately afterwards. During the time which elapsed, from the close of the last conventional year until the date of my departure from the parish, I held nine services, at one of which I administered the Holy Communion. I also solemnized one marriage.

JOHN IRVING FORBES.

S. Luke's Church, Middleburgh, Schoharie County.

The Rev. E. Slade, Rector and Missionary.

Families, 5; individuals, 16. Total baptized persons, 28, of whom 7 are children.

Baptisms: Adults, none; but have 3 catechumens; infants, 5. Total, 5.

Confirmed, none; sick when the Bishop was to have made his visitation.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 8; private, 1. Total, 9.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 4; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 12.

Marriages, 5; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 65; holy days, 1; Lent, 2; other day, 1. Total, 69.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 6; number of children taught, 3.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 2; number of pupils, Sunday-school of 13 or 14 has fallen through on account of my sickness.

Parish school: Paid or free? paid; number of teachers, 1. Pupils—boys, 5; girls, 12. Total, 17.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, dilapidated, wants painting, etc.; would do, if repaired.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $5,600 or $6,000.

Other property, none.

Number of sittings in the church, 90; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, about $2,400.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $203, on paper list; arrears of salary, $179.50, some of which has been owing two years.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$40 92

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$0 84
Salary of the Bishop (not yet paid in to Treas.)	2 42
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 05
Total	$4 31

Miscellaneous.

Nashotah	$0 43
Gross amount	$45 66

Remarks.

The Rev. E. Slade deeply regrets that his ill-health has rendered him unable to do what he would, and, from the same cause, he feels too constrained to give up either for the winter, or permanently, a work which he had calculated on as being his life-work.

S. Andrew's Mission, Schoharie, Schoharie County.

The Rev. E. Slade, Missionary.
Families, 3; individuals, 15.
Communicants, 5.
Number of services, 4.
Offertory for rent of room, $2.50.

S. Luke's Church, Lisbon, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. James E. Hall, Missionary in charge.
Families, 15; individuals, 45.
Holy Communion: Number of, 1.

Communicants, 20.
Divine Service: Sundays, 5.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated value, $8,700; condition, good.
Number of sittings, 200; free.

Remarks.

This report begins with Sunday, the tenth after Trinity, and continued till Sunday, the fourteenth after Trinity, inclusive.

S. John's Church, Ogdensburgh, St. Lawrence Co.

The Rev. H. R. Peters, Rector.

In the spring the old rectory was torn away to give additional space for the founations of the new church edifice. The confusion scattered everything, papers and records, so that, for want of materials, a full report is not possible. As far as I can gather, there have been 45 baptisms, 17 marriages, 17 burials. The number of communicants I believe to be about the same as reported last year.

Through the munificence of the Hon. David C. Judson, and the liberality and devoted supervision of James G. Averill, Esq., the new church edifice has been carried forward with great rapidity, and a structure of large proportion and splendid architecture now stands forth with exterior completion.

The offerings of the whole congregation, devoted to this work, have been large and liberal. The amount can be gathered and stated with accuracy when the edifice is completed.

Contributions have been made to various funds and charities, but, with the loss of papers, I am unable to render any definite account. The Sunday services are performed in the town hall, where we endeavor to do the best we can.

Grace Church, Canton, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. John F. Potter, A.M., Rector.

William H. Sawyer, S. S. Brewer, Church Wardens.

L. W. Russell, John Miller, S. C. Kerr, William A. Rich, W. J. Ferrey, Lyman Ellsworth, R. B. Ellsworth, George L. Irwin, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 14. Total, 15.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 29; private, 1. Total, 30.

Communicants: Admitted, none; received from other parishes, none; removed, 10; died, 2; present number, about 90.

Marriage, 1; burials, 11.

Divine Service: Sundays, 122; holy days, 31; Lent, 24; other days, 5. Total, 182.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 85.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,500; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $1,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 225; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, about $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.), about	$1,200 00
Sunday-school purposes	41 41
Total	$1,241 41

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$14 00
Missionary Fund	84 85

Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	$2 45
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	1 95
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	3 39
Total	$106 64

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$4 50
Foreign Committee	3 25
H. Mis. to C. People	2 40
Total	$10 15
General Theological Seminary	2 02
Total	$12 17

Miscellaneous.

Santee Sioux	$5 76
Soc. Inc. Ministry	4 00
Total	$9 76
Gross amount	$1,369 98

Remarks.

During the year, I have visited and held services at the county alms-house and jail.

At the villages of Hermon, Russell, Clarksboro' and the iron mines, I have also held services.

In the village of Crarey's Mills, I have officiated about once a fortnight since January.

Many of these additional labors to parish work have been undertaken by me since the Rev. William A. Rich, a former rector of Grace Church, resident in Canton, has kindly assisted me in the church services, and taken the duties during my absence.

Trinity Church, Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. John H. Babcock, Rector and Missionary.

Aaron B. Cutting, John S. Honeycomb, Church Wardens.

William H. Bowne, Griswold E. Burt, James D. Easton, Wallace Honeycomb, Hiram H. Hoover, J. Bower Preston, George Parker, Vestrymen.

Families, 52; comprising 215 individuals. Total baptized persons, 146.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 13. Total, 17.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 14; private, 1. Total, 15.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 13; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 49.

Marriage, 1; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 10. Total, 114.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 35.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 9; number of pupils, 45.

Parish school: Paid or free? both paid and free; number of teachers, 1. Pupils—boys, 15; girls, 20. Total, 35.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,500; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 225; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $850.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$991 50
For the poor	29 69
Sunday-school purposes	72 05
Total	$1,093 24

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$17 00
Salary of the Bishop (assessment)	12 50
Missionary Fund	54 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 80
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	5 00
Total	$99 30

Miscellaneous.

Santee Sioux Mission	$6 00
Bell	550 00
Birthday present to rector	58 50
Total	$614 50
Gross amount	$1,807 04

Remarks.

None were confirmed during the conventional year, because the Bishop's visitation was, by request, postponed until after October 1, 1870.

No report of services in Lent, because the present rector has had charge only since Easter, 1870.

Occasional services were held by the late rector, during the winter, at Little York, nine miles distant; and four services by the present rector, during the summer, at Hailesboro', two miles distant.

Great Shepherd Church, Massena, St. Lawrence Co.

The Rev. E. Gregory Prout, Missionary.

Henry Theodore Clark, Henry Hard Chittenden, Church Wardens.

Harry Faanklin Crooks, Joseph Emerson Clary, Joseph Harrison, George Allcock Snaith, William Nightingale Gibson, John Oliver Bridges, Vestrymen.

Families, 21; comprising 63 individuals. Total baptized persons, 46.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 14. Total, 17.

Communicants: Died, 1; present number, 15.

Parish Property.

Say $200.

Number of sittings in the church, 150; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $225.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$125 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$5 05
Salary of the Bishop	5 00
Total	$10 05
Gross amount	$135 05

Remarks.

The missionary took charge of the parish, August 8, 1870. Since that time, services have been held twice a day on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. This report is necessarily only approximately accurate. Three gentlemen in the parish have purchased the house of worship recently belonging to the Methodists, and have given us the exclusive use of it; and it has just been fitted up in a way to make it home-like to church people. We are much indebted to a generous lady of the Diocese of Central New York for the gift of a very sweet-toned cabinet organ.

Mission at Potsdam Junction, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. E. Gregory Prout, Missionary.

Families, 18; individuals, 52. Total baptized, 47.

Communicants: Received, 1; removed, 1; present number, 14.

Baptism: Infant, 1.

Burial, 1.

Contribution to Diocesan Fund, $1.

We use the Congregational house of worship, in virtue of a stipulation made when it was built. Services have been held, since August 18, 1870, on the afternoons only of the first and third Sundays in each month. Report necessarily imperfect.

Christ Church, Morristown, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. James E. Hall, Missionary.

Erastus W. White, Joseph Couper, Jr., Church Wardens.

Henry Hooker, John Canfield, Israel Ward, Levi A. Lovitt, Adam Carpenter, Charles Bernard, Alfred Bacon, Timothy Grey, Vestrymen.

Families, 15; comprising (with parts of families) 75 individuals. Total baptized persons, 67.

Confirmed, 2.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 1.

Communicants: Admitted, 2; present number, 30.

Marriage, 1.

Divine Service: Sundays, 11; holy days, 2. Total, 13.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 2.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 31.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $2,000; condition, good; a few repairs needed.

Other property, $1,105.

Number of sittings in the church, 400; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$490 00

Miscellaneous.

Communion offerings	$6 28
General offerings	20 00
Total	$26 28
Gross amount	$516 28

Remarks.

The present missionary in charge of this parish was appointed and entered upon his duties on the Feast of S. James, the Apostle, July 25, 1870. This report begins on that date, and continues until the 18th of September, the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, A. D. 1870.

The Holy Eucharist has been celebrated by a priest of the Colonial Church of Canada.

Grace Church, Norfolk, St. Lawrence County.

Sylvester Foord, Henry A. Wetmore, Church Wardens.

Arba Robinson, Nathaniel Gove, George H. Stowell, John Lowry, Cassius H. Robinson, Abram N. Thompson, Edwin H. Atwater, Heman F. Allen, Vestrymen.

Families, 19; comprising 70 individuals. Total baptized persons, 65.

Communicants: Present number, 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $4,000; condition, needs some repair.

Number of sittings in the church, 240; rented or free? free.

Trinity Church, Potsdam, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. John Steinfort Kidney, Rector.

T. S. Clarkson, Sr., Edward W. Foster, Church Wardens.

N. S. Elderkin, H. N. Redway, Bloomfield Usher, T. S. Clarkson, 2d, Charles Cox, C. O. Tappan, W. P. Brown, Milton Heath, Vestrymen.

Families, 70; comprising 250 individuals. Total baptized persons, 225.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 29. Total, 30.

Confirmed, 10.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 16.

Communicants: Admitted, 9; received from other parishes, 2; removed, 5; died, 1; present number, 100.

Marriages, 6; burials, 11.

Divine Service: Sundays, 100; holy days, 15; Lent, 20; other days, 25. Total, 160.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 50.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 12; number of pupils, 80.

Parish Institutions.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $12,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $3,500; condition, fair.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$1,500 00
For the poor	53 40
Sunday-school purposes	107 36
Total	$1,660 76

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$20 00
Salary of the Bishop	67 50
Missionary Fund	139 05
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	10 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	32 08
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	15 15
Total	$283 78

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$27 50
Foreign Committee	12 35
H. Mission to C. People	11 47
Total	$51 32

Miscellaneous.

Improvements to church and grounds	$2,650 00
Repairs to rectory	85 00
Total	$2,735 00
Gross amount	$4,730 86

Besides the above, there have been several valuable gifts to the church from the Clarkson family: Embroidered altar-cloth, carved oaken eagle-lectern, and others equally appropriate and beautiful.

S. Philip's Mission, Madrid, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. William Stone Hayward, Missionary.
Richard Oates, Church Warden.
John Gage, Clerk.
O. S. Hurlburt, Treasurer.
Families, 4; comprising 20 individuals, 39.
Baptisms: Adults, 7; infants, 14. Total, 21.
Confirmed, 5.
Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 9; private, 1. Total, 10.
Communicants: Admitted, 3; received from other parishes, 6; present number, 9.
Burial, 1.
Divine Service: Sundays, 40; holy days, 3; Lent, 5; other days, 5. Total, 53.
Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 22; number of children taught, 12.
Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 1; number of pupils, 8.

Parish Property.

Property, $50.
Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $25.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$46 89
Sunday-school purposes	40
Total	$47 29

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$7 24
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	1 28

Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	$3 99
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	21
Total	$12 72

Miscellaneous.

Women's Guild	$20 00
Convocation Missions	2 00
Mission to the Jews	35
Thank offering to the Missionary	5 00
Total	$27 35
Gross amount	$87 36

Remarks.

This Mission was organized in February last. Services were begun in November, 1869. We worship in the Universalist house of worship, kindly tendered us.

Morley Mission, Morley, St. Lawrence County.

The Rev. William Stone Hayward, Missionary.
Ezra Parmelee, M.D., Warden.
Thomas L. Harison, Clerk.
Isaac Hewson, Treasurer.
Families, 16; comprising 70 individuals, 118.
Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 14. Total, 15.
Confirmed, 3.
Holy Communion; Number of public celebrations, 12; private, 1. Total, 13.
Communicants: Admitted, 6; received from other parishes, 15; present number, 21.
Marriages, 2; burials, 2.
Divine Service: Sundays, 74; holy days, 7; Lent, 6; other days, 25. Total, 112.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 12; number of children taught, 110.

Two Sunday-schools: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 57.

Parish Property.

Organ, $100.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $500.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$482 04
For the poor, and like purposes	17 76
Sunday-school purposes	17 00
Parish institutions, missions, etc.	14 76
Total	$531 56

Diocesan.

Missionary Fund	$18 95
Bible and C. P. B. Society of Albany and vicinity	4 02
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	4 61
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	79
Total	$28 37

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$2 50
Foreign Committee	2 40
H. Mission to C. People	2 65
Total	$7 55

Miscellaneous.

Santee Mission	$1 10
S. S., for Nashotah	16 95
Mission to the Jews	1 15
N. Y. B. & C. P. B. S.	4 72
Midnight Mission	2 00
Convocation Missions	9 10
S. S., for chancel windows	14 96
Women's Society, for bell	69 88
Total	$119 86
Gross amount	$687 34

Remarks.

This mission was organized in November, 1869. The missionary commenced his services on the last Sunday in October of the same year; and this report dates from that time. The services are held in the school-house, and the attendance has averaged over one hundred. A church is building, of stone, which we hope soon will be finished. The women have raised a fund of some two hundred dollars for a bell. In addition to the services reported, the missionary has held and assisted in some twenty or more different places.

S. Paul's Church, Waddington, St. Lawrence Co.

The Rev. Reeve Hobbie, Rector.

Richard Harison, Seth J. Dewey, Church Wardens.

L. Storrs, H. B. Proctor, C. Clark, J. Stark, J. T. Rutherford, S. I. Bower, W. M. M. Ogden, L. J. Proctor, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adults, 6; infants, 12. Total, 18.

Communicants: Present number, 45.

Marriage, 1; burials, 5.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, every other Sunday; number of children taught, 50.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 50.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $9,000; condition, good.

Other property, bonds and mortgages, $4,500.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? partly rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, none.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $600; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$658 22

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	5 00
Missionary Fund	16 50
Gross amount	$679 72

Remarks.

The undersigned has been in charge of S. Paul's parish, Waddington, not quite three months. The report is made up from the parish register, and consequently contains the acts of his predecessor as well as himself.

The parish has been without a clergyman in charge for several months during the current year, so that it is impossible to say how often the Eucharist has been celebrated, or the services of the Church holden.

REEVE HOBBIE.

S. Mary's Church, Luzerne, Warren County.

From November 21, 1869.

The Rev. Benjamin Webb, Missionary.

B. C. Butler, H. E. Pierrepont, Church Wardens.

William H. Ely, George Kenyon, A. J. Cherritree, James H. Lawrence, Charles McMaster, John Coward, Duncan Cameron, James G. Porteous, Vestrymen.

Families, 9; comprising 38 individuals.

Baptisms: Adults, 4; infants, 3. Total, 7.

Confirmed, 4.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 13; private, 1. Total, 14.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 13.

Marriage, 1; burial, 1.

Divine Service, 131.

Parish school: Seven scholars are taught daily by the missionary, no compensation being stipulated. Pupils—boys, 4; girls, 3. Total, 7.

Parish Property.

Lot, estimated worth, $250; condition, unimproved.

Other property, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Sunday morning offerings	$145 38

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$6 25
Missionary Fund	9 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	1 75
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	1 00
Total	$18 00

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$1 31
Foreign Committee	1 00
Total	$2 31
Gross amount	$165 69

S. John's Mission, Conklingville, Saratoga County.

From November 21, 1869.

The Rev. Benjamin Webb, Missionary.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infant, 4. Total, 5.

Confirmed, 3.

Contributions: To the missionary, $50 and traveling expenses; to the Diocesan Missionary Fund, $10.22.

The services are held in a school-house; and it has devolved upon the missionary to make provision for erecting a chapel suitable to our worship. Subscriptions for that object have been solicited and obtained, to the amount of $955.50, of which the sum of $420.50 has been already paid. The corner-stone of "S. John's Mission Chapel, Conklingville," was laid by the Bishop, September 17. It is expected that the work will go on to a speedy completion. The mission can then be organized and properly conducted.

Herkimer County Mission.

To November 1, 1869.

The Rev. Benjamin Webb, late Missionary in Herkimer county, submits the following report of work done before undertaking his present charge:

Said Prayers, A. M. and P. M., 14 times.

Assisted in the same, 7 times.

Preached, 14 times.

Baptized: Adults, 4; infants, 6. Total, 10.
Presented for Confirmation, 12 persons.
Assisted in celebrating the Holy Eucharist, 4 times.

Christ Church, Chester (Pottersville), Warren Co

The Rev. John S. Clarke, Rector.
Thomas Mills, Isaac Mills, Church Wardens.
Andrew Van Benthuysen, Edward Rawlins, Samuel Gri wold, S. W. Codman, Joseph Mills, G. S. Morey, Willia McComb, Amos Agard, Vestrymen.
Families, 18; comprising 72 individuals. Total baptiz persons, 58.
Baptisms: Infants, 5.
Confirmed, 4.
Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15.
Communicants: Admitted 4; present number, 23.
Marriage, 1.
Divine Service: Sundays, 64; holy days, 4; Lent, other day, 1. Total, 70.
Catechism: Number of times taught openly in t church, 2; number of children taught, 10.
Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 4; number pupils, 25.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $1,000; condition, r good.
Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $500; conditi bad.
Other property, $50.
Number of sittings in the church, 200; rented or fre free.
Present indebtedness of parish, none.
Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $107.50.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$127 50

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	4 00
Salary of the Bishop	7 00
Missionary Fund	7 00
Gross amount	$145 50

Remarks.

In addition to the forementioned services, the rector has officiated on seven Sunday afternoons at Schroon, ten miles distant.

S. James' Church, Caldwell, Warren County.

The Rev. W. H. Harison, Missionary.

James Cromwell, M.D., Hiram Wood, Church Wardens.

Samuel R. Archibald, James Crandal, H. J. Rockwell, George H. Cramer, F. B. Hubbell, Horace Welch, Horace Welch, Jr., Vestrymen.

Families, 10; comprising 39 individuals.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 8. Total, 9.

Confirmed, 6.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 5.

Communicants: Admitted, 5; present number, 19.

Marriage, 1; burials, 4.

Divine Service: Sundays, 25; holy days, 2; other days, 22. Total, 49.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 25.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $9,000; condition, good.

Parsonage and lot, estimated worth, $3,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 180; free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $325.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $450 and parsonage

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$508 58
Sunday-school purposes	3 44
Purchase of organ, etc.	891 75
Total	$1,403 77

Diocesan.

Endowment of Episcopate	$3 15
Salary of the Bishop	5 00
Missionary Fund	31 20
Total	$39 35
Gross amount	$1,443 12

Messiah Church, Glen's Falls, Warren County.

The Rev. Edwin E. Butler, Rector; and Missionary at Harrisena.

Jeremiah W. Finch, Arunah M. Adsit, Church Wardens.

L. G. McDonald, J. E. Caldwell, William Wait, George Bassinger, S. D. Hopkins, D. C. Steiner, J. D. Stevens, John Smith, Vestrymen.

Families, 80; at Harrisena, 20.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 13. Total, 15.

Confirmed, 7.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 9; private, 2. Total, 11.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 3; died, 1; present number, 77.

Marriages, 5; burials, 5.

Divine Service: Twice on Sundays; holy days, the greater number; Lent, twice during week.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 50; Bible class, 10.

Sunday-school at Harrisena: Teachers, 5; pupils, 30; Bible class, 15.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $25,000; condition, good.

Other property, church at Harrisena, $7,000.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? rented. At Harrisena, 150; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$912 60
For the poor	47 74
Sunday-school purposes	31 00
Total	$991 34

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$12 00
Salary of the Bishop	13 00
Missionary Fund	26 66
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 45
Total	$55 11
Gross amount	$1,046 45

Remarks.

The illness and absence of the rector during four months of the past year, during which time no services were held, have, of course, affected the number of collections reported.

Since the last report from this parish, an organ has been placed in the church, at a cost of $1,600.

Regular Sunday afternoon services have been held at Harrisena since June 1.

S. Sacrament Church, Bolton, Warren County.

The Rev. W. H. Harison, Missionary.

Ferdinand Thieriot, F. O. Burhans, Rev. Robert F. Crary, Rev. F. B. Van Kleek, E. B. Miller, Trustees.

Families, 4; comprising 8 individuals.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 3.

Communicants: Present number, 5.

Divine Service: Sundays, 30.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 3; number of pupils, 20.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, good.

Parsonage lot, estimated worth, $100.

Number of sittings in the church, 125; free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $150.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$181 60

Miscellaneous.

Completion of church	263 25
Gross amount	$444 85

Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh, Warren County.

The Rev. Henry Harrison Oberly, Rector.

Benjamin P. Burhans, Stephen Griffin, Church Wardens.

H. Griffing, F. O. Burhans, Chas. Braley, G. A. Schneider, Robert Stewart, Moses Sutton, E. S. Crandall, H. B. Hayes, Vestrymen.

Families, 32; comprising 83 individuals. Total baptized persons, 83.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infant, 1. Total, 4.

Confirmed, 5.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 42; private, 1. Total, 43.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; received from other parishes, 6; died, 1; present number, 39.

Burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 125; holy days, 27; Lent, 28; other days, 18. Total, 198.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 32; number of children taught, 40.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 6; number of pupils, 40.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good.

Other property, Holy Communion vessels, $250; ornaments of the altar, $75.

Number of sittings in the church, 130; free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $57.06.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$907 54
Sunday-school purposes	59 76
Special offerings	100 00
Total	$1,067 30

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$16 00
Salary of the Bishop	31 25
Missionary Fund	35 00
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	6 44
Total	$88 69
Gross amount	$1,155 99

Remarks.

The Rev. H. H. Oberly became rector of the parish on the twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 7, 1869. The weekly Eucharist was established at the beginning of last Lent. During the year, special offerings of church ornaments have been made, to the value of $100. The rector visits the County Alms House, and holds services there.

Trinity Church, Whitehall, Washington County.

The Rev. William Townsend Early, Rector.

Uriah H. Coffin, E. M. Gordon, Church Wardens.

E. E. Davis, A. Ames, E. W. Hale, W. R. Hewett, G. A. Priest, W. F. Bascom, James Adams, D. A. McRae, Vestrymen.

Baptisms: Adults, 3; infants, 15. Total, 18.

Communicants: Received from other parishes, 2; died, 1; present number, 105.

Marriage, 1; burials, 5.
Divine Service: Sundays, 104.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $12,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, about 450; rented or free? rented.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,200.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses	$206 58
Sunday-school purposes	24 67
Communion service	102 00
Total	$333 25

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$6 25
Missionary Fund	71 99
Ticonderoga Mission	4 69
Total	$82 93

General.

Board of Missions:	
Church Mission to Jews	$8 65
Gross amount	$424 83

S. Paul's Church, Salem, Washington County.

The Rev. Henry M. Davis, Rector.

James Gibson, John M. Williams, Church Wardens.

George B. McCartee, William B. Bool, John S. Crary, Abner C. Robertson, F. Kegler, Charles H. Allen, M.D., J. Gibson, Jr., F. Linsenbarth, Vestrymen.

Families, 45; comprising 202 individuals. Total baptized persons, 186.

Baptisms: Adults, 2; infants, 9. Total, 11.

Confirmed, 8.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 14; private, 1. Total, 15.

Communicants: Admitted, 9; received from other parishes, 3; removed, 9; died, 1; present number, 44.

Marriages, 3; burials, 5.

Divine Service: Sundays, 99; holy days, 6; Lent, 19; other days, 9. Total, 133.

Catechism: Number of children taught, 90.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 7; number of pupils, 79.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $6,000; condition, very good.

Number of sittings in the church, 230; rented or free? rented.

Present indebtedness of parish, $300.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$741 65
For the poor	60 00
Sunday-school purposes	147 35
Total	$949 00

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$11 00
Salary of the Bishop	18 75
Missionary Fund	45 39
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	9 82
Total	$84 96

General.

Board of Missions:	
Domestic Committee	$68 00

Miscellaneous.

Faribault	$6 00
Gross amount	$1,107 96

Remarks.

This parish is subject to frequent and great changes, caused mainly by removals from the town, of both individuals and families. Of the sixty-seven communicants enrolled by me during my ministry in Salem, twenty-six have removed from the place, and five have died. Of the seventeen who had been previously enrolled, six have removed from the town, and three have died. Again, of the ninety-two persons that I have baptized in this parish, thirty have removed therefrom, and seven have died.

We still keep up our average number of attendants in the Sunday-school; and the number of families and of communicants continues about the same as heretofore.

Zion Church, Sandy Hill, Washington County.

The Rev. Samuel B. Bostwick, Rector.

John H. Beach, Charles H. Beach, Church Wardens.

Adolphus H. Hitchcock, Arthur B. Davis, E. H. Crocker, George Weston, Daniel J. Finch, Byron G. Knapp, Charles H. Cronkhite, F. J. Ott, Vestrymen.

Families, 45.

Baptisms: Infants, 14.

Confirmed, 12.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 15; private, 3. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 13; received from other parshes, 2; removed, 4; died 2; present number, 105.

Marriages, 6; burials, 11.

Divine Service: Sundays, 61; holy days, 15; Lent, 11; other day, 1. Total, 88.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 52.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 14; number of pupils, 90.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, good.

Number of sittings in the church, 294; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $800.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$677 30
Sunday-school purposes	5 00
Total	$682 30

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$10 67
Salary of the Bishop	37 50
Missionary Fund	67 07
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	6 25
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	30 00
Total	$151 49

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$60 80
Foreign Committee	12 17
Total	$72 97

Miscellaneous.

Tract Society	$2 50
S. Mary's Church, Luzerne	5 00
S. Luke's Church, Cambridge	2 00
Communion alms	24 89
Sundry benefactions	21 00
S. S. Christmas tree	75 00
Total	$130 39
Gross amount	$1,037 15

Remarks.

The connection heretofore existing between this parish and S. James' Church, Fort Edward, was amicably dissolved in June last, the labors of the two having become too much for one pastor, and each parish feeling itself able to support a rector of its own. The latter parish is now most happily and efficiently supplied by the Rev. Mr. Cookson.

S. James' Church, Fort Edward, Washington Co.

The Rev. Fenwick Mitford Cookson, Rector.

Silas B. Bradley, Walter Rogers, Church Wardens.

H. Willard, W. R. Valentine, R. Ruggles, E. C. Young, P. C. Hitchcock, T. R. Wade, A. A. Van Loon, Levi Olmstead, Vestrymen.

Families, 68.

Baptisms: Adults, 16; infants, 9. Total, 25.

Confirmed, 17.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 14; private, 2. Total, 16.

Communicants: Admitted, 16; received from other parishes, 2; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 132.

Marriages, 3; burials, 3.

Divine Service: Sundays, 60; holy day, 1; Lent, 18; other day, 1. Total, 80.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, every Sunday; number of children taught, 116.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 11; number of pupils, 116.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition, fair.

Other property: Legacies, $1,910; Parsonage Fund, gained by the ladies, $821.31.

Number of sittings in the church, 300; rented or free? free.

Present indebtedness of parish, nothing.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $1,000.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$857 31
For the poor	17 45
Sunday-school purposes	189 64
Organ for Sunday-school	100 00
Total	$1,164 40

Diocesan.

Salary of the Bishop	$37 50
Missionary Fund	54 52
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	7 78
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	6 20
Total	$106 00

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$9 66
Foreign Committee	13 27
Total	$22 93

Miscellaneous.

Indian Mission	$9 00
From Sunday-school: Off. for Indian Mission	39 98
Tract Society	5 75
S. Luke's Church, Cambridge	2 00
Ladies' Society earnings	201 00
Total	$257 73
Gross amount	$1,551 06

Remarks.

The above report is, in most part, a record of Dr. Bostwick's last year's work in this parish. The rectorship of the present incumbent began on the second Sunday after Trinity, June 26.

Services have been held twice on Sundays at Fort Edward Centre, where a faithful woman of the church has long gathered a Sunday school. These services are to be continued.

A service has also been held in Argyle, in the Methodist meeting-house of the place. The attendance was exceedingly encouraging, and many have asked our few parishioners there, when the service would be repeated. There is a good deal to hope for in this mission.

A pleasant feature in both these enterprises for the church, is the very kindly interest the parish takes in them.

S. Luke's Church, Cambridge, Washington County.

The Rev. Gemont Graves, Rector and Missionary.

Edward S. Houghton, Henry C. Day, Church Wardens.

P. E. Wager, J. G. Walker, C. T. Hawley, J. E. Smith, Geo. Herrick, W. H. Hoyt, C. S. Masten, A. A. Houghton, Vestrymen.

Families, 40; comprising 140 individuals. Total baptized persons, 121.

Baptisms: Adult, 1; infants, 6. Total, 7.

Confirmed, 11.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 17; private, 1. Total, 18.

Communicants: Admitted, 15; received from other parishes, 5; removed, 2; present number, 43.

Divine Service: Sundays, 104; holy days, 16; Lent, 22. Total, 142.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, monthly; number of children taught, 40.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 40.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $7,000; condition, excellent.

Rectory lot, estimated worth, $500; condition, good.

Other property, $200.

Number of sittings in the church, 210; free.

Present indebtedness of parish, $500.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $550; arrears of salary, none.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

At the weekly offertory	$294 53
By S. Luke's Guild (balance on organ, etc.)	98 79
For current expenses (besides the offertory)	196 37
For Sunday-school purposes (including S. S. offertory)	28 71
Balance of church debt	300 00
Consecration offertory for rectory lot	122 10
Donations to rector and family	158 06
Sundries	10 00
Total	$1,208 56

Diocesan.

Diocesan Fund	$11 00
Salary of the Bishop	6 25
Missionary Fund	39 21
Troy Convocation Fund	1 00
Bible and C. P. B. Society, of Albany and vicinity	3 20
Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy	3 00
Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen	2 37
Society for Promoting Religion and Learning	5 76
Total	$71 79

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$5 52
Foreign Committee	3 11
Home Missions to Colored People	2 00
Total	$10 63

Miscellaneous.

S. S. Easter offering for church in Raymond, Miss.	$5 00
For Santee Sioux Mission	2 56
Total	$7 56
Gross amount	$1,298 54

Remarks.

The present rectorship began on the fourth Sunday in Advent, 1869. The very acceptable charge of the Rev. H. M. Davis, of Salem, closed on the preceding Sunday. He had been efficiently helped here by a Lay reader and candidate for Holy Orders, of this parish, Mr. John Henry Houghton, who is now at the General Theological Seminary, New York. Mr. E. S. Houghton is also a licensed Lay reader here.

S. Luke's Guild, composed of the men and women of the parish, renders efficient aid in contributions, church attendance and devotion, and charities. Mission services have been sustained, a part of the year, at Anaquassacoke, some five miles east, with encouraging results. We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of fifty copies of the last very fine edition of its Prayer Book, from the Albany Bible and Common Prayer Book Society.

On September 15th, the Bishop consecrated our church, which was built some three years since, at an expense of $7,000. It is neat and substantial; yet needs, however, a tower, bell, and recess chancel. On the new rectory lot, which is partly paid for, we wish to build a rectory as soon as may be. These things, we trust, the Lord will provide, in due time.

Trinity Church, Granville, Washington County.

The Rev. James A. Upjohn, Rector and Missionary.

Palmer Dyer Evarts, Jonathan S. Warren, Church Wardens.

Isaac W. Thompson, Royal C. Betts, G. Tobey, A. Green, H. Hollister, F. Hollister, D. Rogers, Amos Wilson, Vestrymen.

Families, 37; comprising 125 individuals. Total baptized persons, 69.

Baptisms: Adults, 10; infants, 4. Total, 14.

Confirmed, 9.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 25. Total, 25.

Communicants: Admitted, 15; received from other parishes, 5; removed, 3. Present number, 28.

Marriages, 2.

Divine Service: Sundays, 86; holy days, 13; Lent, 7; other days, 20. Total, 126.

Catechism: Number of times taught openly in the church, 6.

Sunday-school: Number of teachers, 5; number of pupils, 30.

Parish Property.

Church and lot, estimated worth, $10,000; condition of lot, good. The Church is being repaired.

Number of sittings in the church, 170; rented or free? free.

Amount of salary pledged to clergyman, $400; arrears of salary, $92.94.

Offerings and Contributions.

Parochial.

Current expenses (including salaries, etc.)	$350 16
For the poor	5 00
Sunday-school purposes	33 05
Total	$388 21

Diocesan.

Endowment of Episcopate	$5 00
Salary of the Bishop	10 00
Missionary Fund	28 65
Total	$43 65

General.

Board of Missions:

Domestic Committee	$5 00

Miscellaneous.

Towards Church repairs	$358 78
Nashotah	1 00
Music for choir	5 93
Total	$365 71
Gross amount	$802 57

At Middle Granville.

Divine Service: Sundays, 5; other days, 4. Total, 9.
Offerings, $22.18.
Current expenses, $20.
Baptisms: Infants, 2. (Recorded in report above.)

Christ Church, Hampton, Washington County.

The Rev. James A. Upjohn, Missionary.

A. M. Locke, James Davis, Church Wardens.

Martin P. Hooker, Rollin Marshall, Royal C. Betts, Jonathan S. Warren, Palmer D. Evarts, James Gibson, John Williams, Vestrymen.

Families, 6; comprising 17 individuals. Total baptized persons, 16.

Holy Communion: Number of public celebrations, 1.

Divine Service: Holy day, 1; Lent, 2; other day, 1. Total, 4.

Parish Property.

Burying ground and one-half acre pasture; condition, neglected.

Other property: Note of A. & A. A. Lawrence, dated August 2, 1864, payable three years from date, with annual interest; amount, $600. Also a bond and mortgage, executed by Emily J. Packard, for $200, dated June 23, 1864, payable on or before June 20, 1869, with annual interest.

Report of the Rev. William Meredith Ogden.

Baptisms, 5 adults and several infants.

Confirmed, 7.

Burial, 1.

Communion, monthly and on all high festivals.

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, from end of November to middle of July.

Paid debt on rectory of about $1,800.

Held, every Sunday, a third service in a school-house two miles from the village, which was well attended, commencing about midwinter. There was an increased attendance of congregation in church, and more regular especially at evening services.

My resignation as rector of S. Paul's Church, Franklin, took effect about the third week in July. Since then, with but one exception, I have assisted in divine service and preached at least once every Lord's day in the several towns I have visited. Report wants in detail, from the fact, that I have not the parish record at hand to consult.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Tyng.

To the Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane, S.T.D.:

The undersigned has the honor of reporting to his Diocesan, that during the conventional year, he has been duly occupied in discharging the duties of his office in various places, according to mission and request, viz.: During the seven months, from 1st of October to 1st of May, at Morristown, on the St Lawrence; during the next three months, in Saratoga county. Then, at the request of the Bishop and of parties interested, he returned to St. Lawrence county, to occupy himself in founding a classical school at Ogdensburgh, with charge of S. Luke's Church, Lisbon; and this purpose he is now carrying out, with fair prospect of moderate success.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

J. H. Tyng,
Presbyter.

Report of the Rev. Deodatus Babcock, D.D.

My Dear Bishop—I did not know, till informed by the Assistant Secretary, that you required a report from a retired clergyman, an octogenarian, laden with the infirmi-

ties of age, and able to do little for the church, but to watch and pray for its prosperity. It will be very short. I have frequently assisted the Rev. Mr. Carey in the offices of the church, and preached for him once. I, also, on the 19th of June, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to my family, who had come together to celebrate my eightieth birth-day. It was, to me, a very joyful occasion, of which I have previously given you some account. When I survey God's gracious dealings with me, I can truly say with the Psalmist, "mercy and truth have followed me all the days of my life, and shall dwell in the house of the Lord." With many prayers for your success in the ministry of the church, of which God hath made you an overseer, I am, dear Bishop,

Very truly yours,

D. Babcock.

Report of the Rev. Robert Washbon.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. C. Doane, S.T.D.:

My Dear Bishop—I have omitted my report, because I had so little to say of myself, thinking that my Bishop knew all that I could say of myself. I am living at my own home, doing what I am able for my temporal support, and unable to take charge of a parish. I have declined the Westerlo Mission to which I was appointed, as unable to travel so far, and do any special labor. I wish my name to be discontinued to that mission, as it subjects me to great inconvenience with the post-office, my letters being constantly misdirected.

I have officiated at one funeral, and assisted the Rev. Mr. Wenman, on several occasions, in the services in this parish.

Respectfully submitted, affectionately yours,

Robert Washbon.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Capers.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 9, 1870.

Right Reverend Father in God:

Having resigned the rectorship of the Church of the Holy Cross, Warrensburgh, N. Y., in consequence of the declining health of a beloved parent, I followed him to our home here in Charleston, and now he has passed to blessed rest in Christ Jesus. I have had charge (in the absence of the beloved rector, the Rev. W. B. W. Home) of the time-honored parish and S. Philip's. I have officiated and preached upon ninety different occasions, delivered a course of catechetical lectures to the children, administered holy baptisms to four infants and one adult; performed the burial service at four funerals and married one couple.

All of which is respectfully submitted, asking your apostolic benediction upon my work.

I am your servant in Christ,

Wm. H. Capers.

Report of the Rev. C. William Camp.

Feast of S. Michael and All Angels, A. D. 1870.
Fernandina, Fla.

The Rt. Rev. Wm. C. Doane, S.T.D., Bishop of Albany:

I have the honor to report, that since I was ordered Deacon in the Church of God, second Sunday in Lent, 1870, I have officiated 153 times; have preached 21 sermons; baptized one adult and eight children, and buried three.

From April 1, 1870, to July 16, 1870, I officiated at Catskill and Leeds, under the direction of Rev. Robert Weeks, having charge, also, of the Parish School. Being obliged to seek a different climate, on account of my health, I have resigned my charge at Catskill, and have come to Florida, where I purpose passing the Winter.

Very respectfully,

C. William Camp.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Rich.

To the Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane, S.T.D.:

I would report that during the passed conventional ye as during the previous one, I have, to the best of my abili assisted the Rector of the Parish in his parochial work. have preached for him whenever he desired it, taken part the services according to his direction, and supplied place when he has been absent or otherwise hindered, all respects doing the work of an assistant minister with fee or emolument.

I have kept no record of official acts, as they have been entered on the Parish record, and are included in Rector's parochial report.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RICH

Report of the Rev. Mr. Pidsley.

Salt Lake City Mission, Utah
November 9, 1870.

To the Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane, S.T.D.:

I am deeply mortified at my failing to give a repor my work at Cairo, from October 1, 1869, to July 12, 18 when I vacated the parish. I now hasten to make all amends in my power by giving such statistics as are in prossession. By this mail I forward to the church ward at Cairo, directions to furnish you with supplementary tistics from the books and papers I left in their possess I hope they may arrive in time for this year's journal of convention.

Services: Sundays, 72; ly days, 4; other days Total, 83.

Burials, 3.

Holy Communion, 9 times.

I also officiated eight times at Acra.

Yours, respectfully,

E. PIDSLE

16.00